



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells the OHA to have a public health laboratory and to run a program for testing newborns. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to maintain a state public health laboratory, administer a newborn bloodspot screening program and implement additional programs related to newborn bloodspot screening. Requires health care providers and health care facilities to ensure collection and delivery of specimens for newborn bloodspot screening and report certain test results to the authority. Creates an exemption for parents or guardians who oppose screening of an infant for religious or philosophical reasons.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure and makes confidential all information and documentation related to the newborn bloodspot screening program that identifies an infant, a parent or guardian of an infant or a health care provider involved in the care of the infant.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain knowledge about the identity of infants who participate in the bloodspot screening program provided by the Oregon Health Authority, as well as the identity of the infant's parents, guardians and health care providers.