A-Engrossed House Bill 2940

Ordered by the House April 16 Including House Amendments dated April 16

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representatives CHAICHI, DIEHL, ISADORE, MCINTIRE, PHAM H, Senators FREDERICK, MANNING JR, WOODS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells OHA to make a program to provide EDs in real time a notice when a patient has an inherited blood disorder. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).

[Digest: Creates a task force to create a protocol for assessing and treating persons with inherited blood disorders. Tells the task force to submit a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.5).]

[Establishes the Task Force on Hemoglobinopathies and Sickle Cell Disease. Requires the task force to develop and establish a statewide protocol for assessing and treating individuals with hemoglobinopathies. Directs the task force to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care no later than December 15, 2026.]

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to implement a program for providing to emergency departments in real time notifications that identify patients with hemoglobinopathies and provide information on how to contact a hematologist. Directs the authority to consult with interested stakeholders on how to implement the program.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to hemoglobinopathies; and prescribing an effective date.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. Subject to the availability of funds, the Oregon Health Authority shall implement a program for providing to emergency departments in real time notifications that:
 - (1) Identify patients with hemoglobinopathies; and
 - (2) Provide information on how to contact a hematologist in real time.
 - SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall consult with interested stakeholders to inform the authority in implementing the program described under section 1 of this 2025 Act. Interested stakeholders must include, at a minimum, the following persons:
- (a) A person from the authority's Office of Health Information Technology and Analytics
 Infrastructure.
 - (b) A person with relevant experience who represents a hospital.
- 14 (c) A person who represents a community organization that serves patients with sickle 15 cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies.
 - (d) A person who represents public health organizations.
- 17 (e) Health care providers with relevant experience, including but not limited to:
- 18 (A) Hematologists.
- 19 (B) Hematology nurses.
- 20 (C) Emergency physicians.
- 21 **(D)** Emergency nurses.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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- 1 (E) Emergency room nurses.
 - (F) Emergency medical technicians.
- **(G) Paramedics.**

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- (2) A member of the Legislative Assembly or a staff member for a member of the Legislative Assembly may participate in the authority's efforts to consult with interested stakeholders.
- (3) The authority shall submit a report on the information gathered from interested stakeholders under this section and the status of the program described under section 1 of this 2025 Act in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care no later than March 1, 2026.
 - SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.
- <u>SECTION 4.</u> Subject to the availability of funds, the Oregon Health Authority shall implement the program described under section 1 of this 2025 Act no later than May 1, 2026.
- <u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
