

Senate Bill 924

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM

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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs the Department of State Police to study ways to speed up forensic drug testing. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.9).

Requires the Department of State Police to study ways to expedite forensic testing of controlled substances. Directs the department to submit findings to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly not later than January 31, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the forensic testing of controlled substances; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of State Police shall study ways to expedite forensic**
5 **testing of controlled substances, with a focus on expediting testing to determine whether**
6 **controlled substances were the cause of or otherwise involved in the death of a person.**

7 **(2) The department shall provide the results of the study, including any recommended**
8 **legislative changes, in a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative As-**
9 **sembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than January 31, 2026.**

10 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
12 **on its passage.**

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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.