

HB 4003 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of State Police (OSP) to study the causes and ways to address the shortage of medical examiners in Oregon.

Detailed Summary:

Specifies elements to be included in the study. Requires OSP to provide the results of the study to the Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2025. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Specifies statutory authority for requirements for medical examiner services.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Police's Medical Examiner Division is responsible for certifying the cause and manner of death in specified circumstances, including violent deaths, deaths resulting from unlawful use of controlled substances, and deaths occurring in the custody of law enforcement. The Division provides technical supervision to county offices in each of Oregon's 36 counties.