

SB 744 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with rulemaking authority to develop and disseminate information to providers and patients educating them about bone marrow donations and how to register with the national bone marrow registry.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In the United States, thousands of individuals are diagnosed with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases. These diseases can require medical treatment with a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986 that operates the Be The Match Registry (Registry), located in the U.S. The Registry is the world's largest hematopoietic cell (i.e. stem cells) registry, listing more than 10.5 million individuals and 185,000 cord blood units. The Registry is used to match and help treat transplant patients with a variety of blood, bone marrow or immune system disorders. According to NMDP, as of January 2013, the Registry has helped to facilitate more than 55,000 transplants worldwide.

Senate Bill 744 requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop and disseminate information about the need for and benefit of bone marrow donations for health care providers and patients in Oregon.