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HO **Hall Dancia O** 0:17

Good morning, everybody.

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 0:20

Good morning.

KJ **Kracker James** 0:21

Good morning.

RI **Robins Ian** 0:25

Hello.

HO **Hall Dancia O** 0:32

Umm.

RI **Robins Ian** 0:37

This teams window is hiding behind.

Microsoft Edge. So when you spoke, I nearly jumped.

Oh.

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 0:49

Glad you mentioned that.

I need to remember to when you share your screen in teams it will pop up a bar that blocks the tabs you wanna go to and that was.

RI **Robins Ian** 0:58

It's the most annoying thing. That little bar at the top.

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 1:04

It was causing me problems.

RI Robins Ian 1:04
I know you can move it, you know.

PC Patterson Derrick C 1:11
Good morning, Joanna.

CD Collins Johanna D 1:13
Good morning.

PC Patterson Derrick C 2:05
Morning, Jennifer.

WA Woodward Jennifer A 2:08
Good morning.

PC Patterson Derrick C 2:12
Morning, Erin.

EW Erin Williams 2:16
Hi.

PC Patterson Derrick C 4:29
Good morning, Amy.

AD Amy Down-Maul 4:31
Good morning.

PC Patterson Derrick C 4:37
We'll get started here in just a couple of minutes.
Right, it is nine O 5.
So we're gonna go ahead and get started.
This is our 4th and final Rule Advisory Committee meeting for Senate Bill 163.
My name is Derek Patterson.
I'm the liaison to the county Water records offices for the Center for Health Statistics

and appreciate you being here.

Let's take a look at our agenda real quick.

So the the one document we're gonna look at today is the statement of need and fiscal impact and equity impact statement.

I'll talk a little bit more in a moment.

About what exactly that is, but that's our one document. We're gonna look at today.

As far as our agenda, will the similar sort of introductions and reminders around meeting procedures and then we'll spend most of our time reviewing that document.

At the end, we will discuss next steps and we will end by 10:00.

Any questions before we start?

All right.

For introductions, let's see. Is this our fourth meeting?

It looks like we've got Amy.

You might be our only Rule Advisory Committee member, so if you just want to introduce yourself and then we can as subject matter expert, we can go through and do quick introductions.

AD

Amy Down-Maul 7:30

Yes. Good morning. Amy Van Mall from the Hospital Association of Oregon.

PC

Patterson Derrick C 7:34

Thank you.

Appreciate you being here.

Let's see.

James Crocker.

KJ

Kracker James 7:44

Morning. My name is James Crocker.

I am with the Center for Health statistics partner services training and communication team and Co rules coordinator on the Senate Bill 163 implementation project.

PC

Patterson Derrick C 7:58

Thank you, James Ian Robbins.

RI

Robins Ian 8:02

Hello. Yes, Ian Robbins.

I am the project manager for CHS. The Senate Bill 163 implementation project. Thank you.

PC Patterson Derrick C 8:12

Thank you, Danny Hall.

HO Hall Dancia O 8:17

Good morning.

I'm Danny Hall with partner services, training communication teams and I'm also.

The rules coordinator for the Center for Health Statistics.

PC Patterson Derrick C 8:33

Thank you, Danny. Johanna Collins.

CD Collins Johanna D 8:37

Hi, good morning.

My name is Joanna Collins and I manage the Amendment Department for the Center for Health Statistics.

PC Patterson Derrick C 8:46

Thank you, Jennifer Woodward.

WA Woodward Jennifer A 8:51

Hi, good morning. I'm Jennifer Woodward.

I managed to send for health statistics and I'm here as a subject matter expert.

PC Patterson Derrick C 8:59

Thank you, Jennifer. Aaron Williams.

EW Erin Williams 9:03

Morning. My name is Erin Williams.

I'm one of the attorneys that advises the Oregon Health Authority.

PC Patterson Derrick C 9:08

Thank you, Erin, and good morning, Tabitha.

We were just doing introductions thing. Would you like to introduce yourself?

TK **Tabitha L. Koh** 9:16

Yes. Can you hear me?

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 9:17

Yes.

TK **Tabitha L. Koh** 9:18

Great. Thank you.

I'm Tabitha koe.

I'm an attorney practicing in Oregon and Washington.

In the area of third party reproduction and adoption.

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 9:27

Excellent. Thank you for joining us.

So as with our other meetings, just some reminders that this meeting is being recorded. It is public record.

Any feedback that you provide to us will be public record and also this meeting is limited to feedback from Rural Advisory Committee members.

However, there is a public comment period that will take place later after this rack.

So if you have additional feedback you'd like to provide, or if you know of somebody who's not a member of the rack that would like to provide comment on those rules that time, we would appreciate that. That's an opportunity that people have.

Also, just similar to before, we'll I'll go through and I'll read the document section by section. You can provide feedback in the chat if that's easiest or you can use the teams function to raise your hand and unmute yourself.

Whatever works best for you, and just as before, we might not be able to come to a conclusion on something or answer all of your questions.

But we do have subject matter experts.

Available to provide context or clarification.

So we will jump into our document.

Are there any questions before we get started?

OK.

Let's take a look at our statement of need and fiscal impact.

Some some background about this document.

This is something that is submitted when we submit rules for filing. It provides some information for the public about expected impact.

Of the rules regarding things like equity impact on small businesses and things like that so that they can be informed.

So we want to make sure that it's accurate.

And and comprehensive.

This document has already been reviewed by the Department of Justice and we have gotten feedback and it's been reviewed by our partnerships in Community Health team.

They've reviewed the the racial equity portion of it and we're very excited to get any feedback that that you have.

All right.

I am.

There is some of these sections where it is lists of statutes or of forms that I'm going to to spare you me reading.

So I'm going to stick to the some of the more substantive things.

So this is in the matter of adoption amendment and repeal of rules under OAR Chapter 333, Division 11, pertaining to vital statistics.

And I am going to skip over the the Statute statutory authority, other authority, and the statutes implemented, but you can see that we've listed those.

There.

So the first section, the need for the rules. The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt new rules required by the passage of Senate Bill 163, Oregon Legislature 2025, Chapter 592 during the 2025 Oregon legislative session.

Portions of Senate Bill 163 have an implementation date of January 1, 2027, and are addressed by this rule, making Senate Bill 163 modifies how parentage of a child is established in Oregon.

Senate Bill 163 requires that the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division Center for Health Statistics to adopt rules to one established standards for preparing reports of live birth for the new method for the new methods for establishing parentage.

To add parents to reports of live births who are not married but intend to.

3 establish parentage with a witnessed voluntary acknowledgement of parentage.

4 established parentage with a notarized voluntary acknowledgement of parentage.

5 establish a denial of parentage process.

6 establish a process for rescission of acknowledgement or denial of parentage and

seven established a process to register the birth of a child under a gestational

surrogacy agreement.

The rulemaking will also repeal the previous.

Rule that established the processes of acknowledgment of parentage as a new rule is replacing it and will amend the rule on preparation of new birth records after amendment.

Any questions, comments or feedback on that that overview of the need for the rule?

OK.

If I move too quickly, if you need me to slow down, just let me know.

Or if you know you think of something later and you wanna come back.

We can absolutely do that so.

All right, I am going to skip over reading this section about documents relied upon and where they're available, but just want to highlight this talks about forms that we use as reference in creating our new forms.

We looked at Washington's forms, for example, and then it lists new forms and worksheets that are being developed in relation to this rule or these rules and.

As a reminder, we we are working on updating worksheets and forms that we use and if that's something that you're.

Interested in? Please reach out to us.

You know, we would be happy if people want to review those, those updated drafts that we're working on.

OK.

The next section is statement identifying how adoption of rules will affect racial equity in this state.

The rules increase equitable access to parentage in Oregon by removing gender designations for parental roles.

They also implement administrative processes directly directed by Senate Bill 163, to add or remove parents from birth records that are less expensive and time-consuming than judicial proceedings. Unmarried parents are more likely to use these processes as married parents are generally automatically added to the birth record.

The percentage of births in Oregon, where the person who gave birth is not married.

Or in a registered domestic partnership varies by race and ethnicity.

2025 percentage of organ bursts were the person who gave birth, was not married, and I won't read through those percentages, but we do have percentages listed there for some different races and ethnicities.

The percentages above show that some communities of color are experiencing a higher percentage of non marital births compared to white communities.

The new process is proposed in the rule change may reduce barriers and positively impact those communities who will be more likely to utilize new parentage processes, thus increasing the addition of parents on birth records in the state.

This suggests that some racial or ethnic communities may be more likely to use administrative processes proposed in the new rules to add apparent.

Two of Earth record because some communities of color may be more likely to utilize some of the parentage establishment processes, it is important to recognize barriers associated in navigating these processes, such as language access, access to relevant and accurate information, or financial hardships. For example, many communities speak.

Primary languages other than English, which can increase barriers or difficulties navigating these forms and timelines.

The rules provide clarification of the processes for adding parents that include information.

On when fees should be paid, when forms can be accepted and when parties are notified. Having this level of detail in the rules will help families, individuals and families navigate a rather complicated process.

Any questions or comments or suggestions for this section?

I'll give you some time on this one.

This is a pretty large section.

Yeah, Tabitha.

TK **Tabitha L. Koh** 17:47

I would just say that I think it's great and I think it's accurate and well written and. That improving equity both for LGBTQ communities and communities of color is one of, I think the biggest wins that we have with this parent to Jack. So this is great.

PC **Patterson Derrick C** 18:09

Thank you.

Anything else for this section?

OK.

The next section is about fiscal and economic impact.

The anticipated fiscal and economic impact is unknown.

Additional fees for amendments generated are unknown, but will not cover the expenses to prepare and implement new forms, procedures and rules.

Current expenditures in the amendments program are significantly higher than the revenue generated by amendment fees. Individuals from the public who wish to add or remove themselves as parents on a birth record can do so through the processes outlined in the.

These rules there are fees associated with filing, notarized acknowledgment of parentage, denial of parentage and rescission of acknowledgement or denial of parentage.

No new fees are established in these rules. In some cases a fee is not required if filed within a particular time frame from the date of birth, which reduces the economic impact on members of the public.

Any questions or feedback on this section?

OK.

Next to the statement of cost of compliance.

One impact on state agencies.

Units of local government and the public ORS 183.3352 B. The Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division, Center for Health Statistics is fiscally impacted by these rules.

The Center for Health Statistics is the sole agency responsible for amending those records, as outlined in the Senate Bill 163.

The rules require additional staffing and information technology resources to update forms.

Develop training and modify the state's vital records.

System The Center for Health Statistics will receive some fees for the services provided, but the additional tasks identified in Rule will not be fully funded by the fees.

No other state agencies or units of local government will have a cost of compliance impact.

Individuals from the public who wish to add or remove themselves as parents on a birth record can do so through the processes outlined in these rules.

There are fees associated with filing, notarized, acknowledgement of parentage,

denial of parentage and rescission of acknowledgment or denial of parentage.

No new fees are established in these rules.

Questions or feedback for this section.

OK.

The next section, and I'll do this for each of the subsections I'll. I'll pause for each one.

Cost of compliance effect on small business owners 183.336 ORS 183.31010 defines small business as a corporation partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit which is independently owned and.

Operated from all other businesses and which has 50 or fewer employees.

Please.

A estimate the number of small businesses and types of business and industries with small businesses subject to the rule.

An estimated 30 small businesses that offer midwifery services and that are responsible for reporting births are subject to the rules. These businesses will be required to follow the new rules related to the standards for reporting births, gathering information related to parents intending to marry, provide notarized acknowledgement or.

Denial of parentage forms to parents if requested and complete, the intended and gestational surrogacy information on birth records as required by the new rules.

Any questions or feedback on that section?

Yeah, Jennifer.

WA Woodward Jennifer A 23:19

Yeah, Derek, I sorry.

I think we probably need to add in that they also have to provide witnessed acknowledgement of parentage forms.

I realize that's missing on this list because they have to give those too.

Oh, no, actually midwifery service.

Nope, I'm incorrect.

Sorry, I think it's fine because the witness can only happen in the healthcare facility.

So I'm just corrected myself.

Sorry about that.

Thank you.



Patterson Derrick C 23:45

That's OK.

That's alright. Thank you.

The other questions are.

Comments on this section.

OK.

B. Projected reporting, record keeping and other administrative activities required for compliance, including costs of professional services.

The new rules establish the process for record keeping of parent and facility worksheets that are currently in practice.

Additional information gathered from parents will be provided on forms provided by the Center for Health Statistics forms that may need to be provided to parents will be provided by the Center for Health Statistics.

Training and instructions will be provided by the Center for Health Statistics.

The reporting record keeping and administrative work for small businesses.

Midwives, independent birthing centers is already happening and has been for many years. The new and amended rules add some additional forms and processes.

But the majority of the work is already being performed.

The exact costs are unknown, but likely to be minimal.

Any questions or comments on this section?

OK.

Section C.

Equipment, supplies, labor and increased administration required for compliance.

All forms will be provided by the Center for Health Statistics. The time it takes to gather the information from parents to complete birth records may increase, resulting in more labor costs for completing each birth record. Small businesses may have costs related to training time for staff on new.

Rules and forms.

And then I'll just continue with the other ones.

How are small businesses involved in the development of this rule?

Midwives and birthing center representatives were included in the rack, and then we just have here that we are consulting the rack for this.

Any feedback on these final sections?

Jennifer.

WA Woodward Jennifer A 26:24

I think we need to confirm because I don't know if we actually we did invite a midwife from birthing center on the rack, but we need to confirm because I don't believe we did have representatives, so we might need to revise this section and then explain why not.

So just wanted to duly note that.

PC Patterson Derrick C 26:44

Thank you.

Anything else for these final sections or anything all in this document?

OK.

Well, we appreciate you very much being here today and providing feedback on this document and throughout the RAC process.

It really helps us to make sure that the rules are as good as we can get them to, to help the communities for next steps. Please reach out to us.

We can put an e-mail in the chat for our partner services shared Inbox if you're interested in providing feedback on our updated forms or if you have any other questions or.

Things that you'd like to reach out to us about.

We will be taking into account the feedback we've received throughout this process for our next revision of the rules. As I mentioned previously, there will be a public comment period as part of the implementation of this. So there will be additional opportunity for feedback through that public.

Comment.

And then I did want to show you quickly here on our main website if you're interested in keeping up to date on rules thing, our main website.

We can also put this link in the chat.

Easiest way to get to this is our short link.

It's health.oregon.org/CHS, so standard for health statistics on this main website. If you come to the bottom here, we do have a web page for lot of records, legislation and rule making activity.

So this is a good place if you're interested in keeping up with the rest of the process.

If you come to this, we have information here about.

The process and if you would like to review any of the recordings of these Rule

advisory committee meetings, we have those here as well as transcripts and we will post additional information about our rulemaking activities here.

So I just wanted to highlight that as a way to keep involved in this.

Any questions or final thoughts before we conclude our rack?

Thank you, James, for putting that in the chat.

All right.

Well, we will go ahead and end the meeting.

Appreciate you being here.

Thank you so much.

Hope everybody has a wonderful weekend.

Bye everybody.

 **Collins Johanna D** 29:26
Thanks all.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 29:27
Thank you.

 **Hall Dancia O** 29:28
Hi, thank you.

 **Kracker James** 29:29
Thanks everyone.

 **Robins Ian** 29:29
Thank you.

 **Hall Dancia O** stopped transcription