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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR chapter 333, division 56, “Permitting human pathological waste removal from a health care facility (SB 189, 2023)”

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division, Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section has temporarily amended Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) in chapter 333, division 56 in response to the passage of Senate Bill 189 during the 2023 legislative session.

These temporary rules are effective September 24, 2023, through March 21, 2024. OHA will enter into rulemaking to adopt permanent changes prior to the expiration of the temporary rules.

These rules define health care facility and freestanding birthing center in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 442.015 and allow human pathological waste (defined by reference to ORS 459.386), such as removed anatomical parts, to be received by the donor or their representative for the purposes of cremation, interment, or other final disposition in accordance with ORS chapter 97. Minor changes are made to the rule related to the release of placentas without changing the substance of the rule.

For more details, please see the Temporary Administrative Order, including the need and justification for this rulemaking and the full text of the temporary rules at this website: <http://www.healthoregon.org/diseasereporting>.

If you have any questions or prefer a hard copy of the Temporary Administrative Order, please send an email to publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

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