**HB 2420 Work Group Meeting - 2024 Recurring-20241015\_225358-Meeting Recording**

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 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 6:28  
Hello everyone.  
Welcome to our House, Bill 2420 work group meeting.  
Start with just a couple of.  
Notes.  
Today.  
We're going to be looking at the few a few of the options that we didn't have clear votes on from last time.  
We're also going to be looking at and voting on the draft recommendations.  
Umm, which you've all had a copy of.  
Hopefully had time to review.  
So the thing to remember, some things to remember, this is a public meeting.  
It's being recorded.  
And work group members are invited to speak and to post in the chat. If you would like the ground rules, let the facilitator facilitate. Share the air, participate and engage.  
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Listen to understand.  
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Glad to have you all here.  
Let's do a round of introductions.  
We'll start at the top of the alphabet, which means that we're starting with Lucy, then Ginger, then Janet.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 8:02  
Hi everyone.  
Lucy Gibson, federal revenue specialist for Oregon Department of Human Services.  
Good to see you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 8:10  
Thanks Lucy.  
Ginger, then Janet, then joy.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 8:14  
Good afternoon, Ginger Cerola, lead deputy registrar for Jackson County.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 8:21  
Everyone, I'm Janet Fredriksen.  
I work for Josephine County vital records.

 **Joy L. Goodwin** 8:28  
I'm joy Goodwin.  
I work for Douglas County Clerk's office and I am.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 8:35  
Thank you.  
Then we have Derek and Sarah and Paula.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 8:42  
I'm Derrick Patterson.  
I'm the liaison to the county for the state Vital Records office.

 **Sarah Reynolds** 8:50  
Hi Sarah, office manager Macy and son Funeral Home in Mcminnville.

 **Soles, Paola** 8:57  
And powerless.  
Also, Placame is Connie.  
Connie register.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 9:03  
And then we have Wally and Jennifer.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 9:06  
Wally Orteman, Oregon Funeral Directors association.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 9:11  
Thank you. And did I miss anyone who's a work group member?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 9:17  
And I'm Jennifer Woodward.  
I'm I'm the state registrar manager of the Center for Statistics in the Oregon Health Authority.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 9:25  
Thank you, Jennifer.  
Anybody who hasn't introduced themselves yet who's a work group member?  
OK.  
Thank you all for being here.  
We're gonna ask Cindy to share the.  
Remaining issues, we have slides again to go through.  
We'll be going through and and there couple of them that need discussion and then we will be voting on the options.  
Cindy, are you able to share?  
Right.  
OK.  
So this is an issue to address.  
I wanted to give folks some time.  
To think and talk about this. So last time we voted on on recommending some options and one of the things that came up in terms of the things that were voted on is the work group voted for different access for birth records. A5 Year access for birth.  
Records in the county where the event occurred and for death records for one year of access.  
So just wanted to check is the work group recommending the Death Access remain the same and birth access be extended to five years only for events that occur in their own county?  
What do you what do you want to do if, if anything, about the disparity?  
What are your thoughts?  
Just wanted to hear from the work group members.  
What do you think about this issue?  
You can go ahead and raise your hand or I'm off mute.  
If you're work, remember.

 **Soles, Paola** 11:16  
For me, I would say five years each.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 11:28  
I also say five years for both.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 11:32  
OK.  
OK, who was who was that?  
Who said I agree.

 **Joy L. Goodwin** 11:38  
I was sure.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 11:38  
Ginger.  
That was joy ginger.  
I see your hand. Thank you, joy.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 11:45  
Five years for birth certificates.  
One year for death records.  
In the same county.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 11:55  
Janet.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 11:57  
I say 5:00 and 5:00.  
It's just going to confuse people.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 12:04  
OK.  
Wally.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 12:12  
So think 5:00 and 5:00.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 12:17  
Janet, is your hand up again, or is it still up from before? OK.  
Other any other comments?  
Eric.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 12:28  
I'm curious about sort of why people voted for the one year for the death and five years for the birth.  
I think my concern is that there are issues for both of them and that maybe we haven't explored all those issues completely.  
We haven't really discussed these options.  
I personally.  
Am against changing the issuance timelines for both.  
Because it's just the is there a lot of?  
I think there's a huge impact on the system.  
Haven't totally been able to discuss, so that's that's my opinion.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 13:07  
Thanks Derek. Ginger.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 13:11  
In regards to the death records for one year reason, I'm thinking that route is due to the amount of research that can and may need to be done with death records.  
Beyond that, the proof of eligibility seems a little bit easier in terms of birth records.  
That's just my opinion.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 13:35  
Thanks ginger.  
Other thoughts about the issues or?  
The Jennifer.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 13:46  
Yeah, I'm gonna follow with Derek. I think that, you know, first of all, having it being consistent.  
I agree having it be consistent is great. I think you know again the concern is.  
You know this, this is just this is still that. It's with the birth within their own county.  
So it's not really following the spirit of Equitable access across the the state.  
And then of course, I'm gonna you know it.  
It is a significant particularly for the Bursa significant cost.  
For the state, because of the shift of of work, which we really don't know for sure.  
So you know I I'm a little bit more supportive of it if we have some other options related to helping cover that loss of revenue to that, we would have at the state so.  
I know. So if we do it, it would be nice to be consistent.  
I would stick with one year and stick with. We currently have until we have a better idea of how we can fund the system.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 14:51  
Now their thoughts are comments about this.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 14:59  
Just to follow up on Ginger's comment that, I mean, I think that's sort of what I'm getting to is that there are some some issues around birth issuance that we haven't been able to discuss that are more complicated. The logistics of certain things like certified no record.  
Letters or more complicated eligibility that also exists with birth that.  
Would have an impact on the state and the counties.  
So I think that's kind of my concern is that that there are some of those issues as well.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 15:31  
Right. So there are issues around consistency, not confusing people with different numbers of years.  
There's issues around equitable access across the system and across the state.  
There's issues in terms of cost and where the money is going and where the money isn't going. If we shift these things.  
And then there's an issue around complexity of researching or understanding eligibility.  
To receive the records.  
Other comments about this.  
This topic.  
Janet.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 16:20  
I have to agree. When I was reading through the draft.  
And looking at, you know, seeing some figures there that are just, I would imagine, guesstimates really.  
And then you do have to.  
Think about workload for my staff.  
Because it's basically one person. So.  
It is a lot more complicated than.  
You know, just saying five years or one year even.  
It's just, I agree there is a lot more that I think needs to be looked at.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 17:03  
So, Janet, what would you like to see in terms of a, a recommendation for now what?  
What are your thoughts?

 **Janet Fredrickson** 17:10  
After seeing the the figures.  
I would say I was thinking one year, two years.  
Was kind of where I was at with it.  
But I think it it does need to be, you know, delved into a little bit.  
Epath.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 17:36  
So you and I have some more information or some more insight before you wanna make a recommendation to change what's happening now is am I understanding that?  
Yeah. OK.  
Thanks, Jen. Wally.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 17:47  
Definitely.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 17:51  
So I I think this question is for Derek and for Doctor Woodward, if it might understand then that if if we vote for a change, if there were to be a change in the from the current timeframes that the the technology overhaul.  
The the logistics and the complexities of it.  
Are still in question. Not knowing where Funding's coming from, not knowing what the technology's gonna you know what's gonna happen with the technology.  
Gee, is that is that accurate?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 18:26  
Yeah, I'll, I'll take this one.  
Yeah. So the combination of.  
'Cause you know, just to you know, the the counties make their money off of death certificates. The state makes their money off of birth certificates and.  
So, you know having and you know the analysis that's been the report shows the birth certificates shifted 5 years with the idea that you, you know, you could go to any county to get the birth certificates for five years. But that is one of the prime, you know.  
That's a large group of what we also our customers as well, so.  
It's not only the and again, it's an estimate of how how much shift would go to the counties versus the state, but that cost doesn't even include the system changes that would need to have happen to make it occur so that that loss is just the loss of.  
Revenue not does not include the system changes, but the yes there would be because the system is coded now.  
For birth and death for the six months, but again.  
You know there would be system changes if we changed any of these related to the time frame.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 19:38  
Does that answer your question, Wally?

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 19:42  
It does. I just I find myself.  
Awkwardly voting on things like this just because of the unanswered questions.  
I mean, you just answered them.  
Great. I'm just saying that there are unanswered questions. If we go forward with recommendations that change the timeframes.  
And you know, I I, I almost look at, you know, this particular question and there will be others, I'm sure that.  
It's we're I'm voting more for a wish list than what's actually.  
What? As opposed to what can actually be utilized and done and and so that's an awkward position for me.  
As a funeral director and representing a boatload of them.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 20:42  
I wanna make can I can I provide a little?  
A little bit more context here just to help.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 20:45  
Yes, please, please.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 20:46  
So I think that one of the things worth this is a legislative report that we're submitting to the legislature to say this work group came up with these options and ideas for meeting the bill.  
Now, what the legislature did does that with that report is up to them.  
So this is not saying there will be legislation to do this.  
It's, you know, we're we're saying that there are these are our thoughts.  
These are the options that we came up with following the request from House 2422. Come up with options which which we think would be equitable.  
And and of course, you know, they would want to probably see what the estimated costs would be to do those things.  
But there's nothing that says that this is what they would be requiring to put in law.  
That's that's their decision on what the action steps they take for the legislative report.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 21:43  
That I I understand that and thank you for for the explanation I.  
I go back to my term wish list.  
And it seems like if if if what you just said is the case, then it seems like we provide what we think.  
Ourselves and those that we represent would want, and then the legislature can decide what's doable and whether they think we're wrong.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 22:20  
Sure. And and that there are consequences.  
No, there's no such thing as a simple change. If you change one thing, it also means these other 16 things.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 22:30  
Sure, sure.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 22:31  
Yeah.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 22:31  
And you always have to watch for unintended consequences. And and I absolutely get that.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 22:38  
OK so.  
So we need to we need to vote on this.  
And now, in this conversation, we've identified a bunch of additional issues, right?  
One is the changing of where revenue goes.  
One is the issues around equitable Access.  
Then another issue is the issue around.  
The complexity and the impact on the staff as Janet was mentioning.  
So.  
So I want to try and see where people are at this point. Having had this conversation.  
Do do you still want to make the recommendation that came up from the last conversation?  
So does the work group now and I'm just responding to things that I've heard today.  
Does the work group now want to recommend?  
That access to birth records be one year for births that occurred in the county.  
For the county to supply.  
Can I see what where people's hands are for that?  
So recommending the recommendation would be one year for the county to to provide access for birth records when the event occurred in that county.  
Can I see people's hands for that?  
Yes, you can do a physical hand.  
I see Wally's hand.  
I see Janet's hand.  
I see Paola. I see Sarah.  
With the electronic hands, I'm trying to make sure I see Jenna.

 **Soles, Paola** 24:25  
Yeah, I have a question though. When we did the survey.  
There were more more options than one in five, right?  
I think there was 1-2 and five or one, three and five.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 24:39  
Yep, I'm. I just wanted to see if, see Virginia Virginia's hand.  
So yes, I'm just asking based on what on the conversation we just had, Paola.  
That's why I'm asking the question this way so.  
And I and I don't know.  
I see Joy's hand.  
So this is these hands now, at this point are voting.  
For access to birth records for one year in the county.  
That the event occurred so and I said all of those names.  
Cindy, did you get all the names and how many were there?  
To make sure.

 **Cyndy Kagan (Visitor)** 25:26  
I have seven, but I don't know if they were all said.  
Do you want me to list the names that I have?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 25:32  
Yeah. Will you just say the names and make sure and I wanna make sure that the that that we've recorded people's votes correctly.

 **Cyndy Kagan (Visitor)** 25:34  
True.  
OK, so I have Wally, Janet, Paula, Sarah, Jennifer, Virginia, and Joy.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 25:47  
OK and.  
OK.  
So Paola, you're hanging.

 **Soles, Paola** 25:54  
Sorry. Yeah, I'm sorry.  
I'm I'm just kind of on the fence because.  
I think if we change it to one year, there still will be the cost associated with the system changing for one year or five or three or whatever.  
It will help.  
It will ease the revenue for the state instead of five.  
It's just one year. It will help families to, you know, because I think during the first year is when they.  
Request the most.  
So.  
I guess one, yeah. Just keep my name.  
Sorry, I'm just kind of having all these scenarios in my head.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 26:36  
Yeah.

 **Soles, Paola** 26:39  
All right. OK.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 26:39  
Thank you, Paul.  
All right.  
So that that's a majority.  
So now I want to check for the access to Death Records.  
So that was.  
So the question now is, does the workgroup wanna recommend that access for death Records where the event occurred in the county is for one year at the county?  
Can I see where people's hands are for that one? I see Janet, I see.  
Sarah, I see Paola.  
I see joy.  
Who am I missing?  
Wally, thank you for waving.  
I see Lucy. I see Jennifer.  
See Virginia.  
Did I miss anybody who voted for that one?  
OK.  
So that one also passes.  
Lucy, I see your hand.  
Is that a?  
Is that with a question or or is it still up?

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 28:06  
No, I was gonna say I I missed putting my hand up for the previous the birth records.  
Go ahead and put me down for that.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 28:13  
Oh, OK.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 28:15  
Cindy, please.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 28:16  
Thank you, Lucy. I appreciate the clarification.  
OK.  
So that one also passed.  
Can we move to the next slide, please?  
So we just did this one.  
Next slide, OK.  
So this the next this slide has three things that are all about equitable Fee revenue to maintain state and county vital record systems pilot. You have a question or comment or is your hands still up from before?

 **Soles, Paola** 28:52  
Sorry, I'll lower it.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 28:53  
OK, thanks. I just didn't wanna skip Derek.  
I see your hand.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 28:58  
If you have a question on this M7.  
Is is this understood to be like a flat fee or would this be something that's like a prorated based on issuance history or county population? Because that's something that would change how I vote pretty drastically, and in reading the comments from the survey results, it was clear to.  
Me, that sometimes we're interpreting things to to mean different things.  
So I want to make sure I'm clear on this one.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 29:27  
Thank you, Derek.  
That's such an important clarification.  
So this.  
This is in the way that this was written in the way that this came up as a suggested option.  
It didn't specify if it was a flat fee or if it was based on the number of records issued.  
As an option, the suggestion was counties will pay an annual fee to maintain the vital records and statistics system.  
So I'd like to hear a little bit of discussion.  
So Derek, your point is well taken that you might feel differently if it was a flat fee versus if it was prorated by based on the number of records.  
Other thoughts or comments about M7 counties to pay an annual fee to maintain the vital records and statistics system? What are your thoughts?  
That's Lucy.  
Go ahead.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 30:24  
I personally my opinion is that it should be based on how many certificates are issued.  
A percentage of each one. That way you know if you've got more traffic and more business, you pay more, you issue less, you pay less.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 30:40  
OK, OK.  
OK.  
Thank you, Lucy. Other thoughts, Jennifer.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 30:50  
So my thought.  
And I'm using this as a in a another example that you know when you buy a license for a software package or an application, you pay a base you know a certain amount, whether or not you like, say for word for example, you pay your 360 you.  
Know one base amount.  
And you do that if you write 1 document or if you write 500.  
So my thought would be for, you know, an annual fee to maintain. There would be like a base fee that everybody pays and then?  
Perhaps. And I there's other applications where you everyone pays a certain amount and then it it's kind of prorated based on usage. But there is like a flat fee that you start with 'cause you have to buy like you have to buy word for you know 34.  
Dollars of a month and then you if you're using it more, you pay more like the different applications that you get.  
So that's how I was looking at my thought on that. What I was looking at the maintenance idea.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 31:55  
Thank you, Jennifer. Ginger.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 31:59  
How would that annual fee or that base fee be determined?  
Are there thoughts on that?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 32:07  
Well, that would be part of the conversation working with CLO and determining you know what what amount we trying to do that in combination with you know another fee increase with the other options that we have with the funding.  
You know it's it's just again, it's another option to to share the instead of sharing fees for example, we would do maintaining the system having a flat fee to maintain the system versus doing you know a fee share.  
And a fee share would be based on, you know, the number of records you issue and then you the pay the pay the fee share. I think that in situations in other areas where we we do a flat maintenance fee is you also can budget for it more.  
'Cause you aren't.  
You wouldn't be able to budget for how many records you you know, you could maybe budget based on the previous years of issuance, but at least with maintenance, you have an idea.  
How much they can budget for and put it in the budgets to account for it as a costs where when you're doing fee sharing.  
You cannot.  
You're guessing based on the previous years, but that depends on the the way the the budgets are done at the county.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 33:23  
Right.  
So I'm hearing three different approaches to this.  
One of them is to have an annual flat fee.  
So we'll call that option A.  
The another one is to have a a fee based on a percentage of the number based on the number of records issued and then the third one is to have both a flat fee and then also.  
A fee based on the number of records issued.  
Right.  
The three options I've heard in response to this ginger.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 34:02  
Alana, when you're asking and when you're on the third option, when you're saying flat fee, we're talking kind of terminology that would be the monthly maintenance fee.  
Is that kind of what we're calling that then just wanna get the Burbage right.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 34:15  
Yeah, similar to like what you pay for a basic application and then you pay the monthly fee and then it would be, you know, kind of prorated based on the, you know, ranges of records.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 34:16  
OK.  
OK.  
I'm out.  
You \*\*\*\*\*. Gotcha. OK.  
Thank you. Thank you.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 34:29  
Issued or usage.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 34:33  
OK.  
So we're gonna move to a vote now.  
So option I'm gonna say the options as AB and C again.  
So option A would be a flat fee.  
For example, a monthly flat fee option B would be a percentage based on the number of records issued and option C would be a flat fee and an additional amount based on the on the percentage of the number of records issued.  
So you can vote.  
For Wally, I see your hand.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 35:15  
Yeah. I'm sorry to interrupt the flow of that of that vote, but.  
I I'm. I guess I'm curious.  
The the flat fee option A would be seems to me are we?  
Are we calculating a flat fee that Josephine County would pay the same as Multnomah County?  
Or based on historical perspective, how many death certificates the?  
Is there a calculation to the flat fee or is is Harney County paying the same as Lane County?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 35:53  
The my my thought on a flat fee is that everybody pays the same amount.  
That's a flat fee, so everybody's paying equal amount.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 36:05  
OK.  
Thank you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 36:10  
Thanks, Wally.  
Good question. OK.  
So option a I'll just run through them again.  
You can vote for one of these three options.  
Option A is a flat fee.  
Option B is a percentage of based on the number of records issued and option C is a flat fee and an additional fee based on the number of records issued.  
I I would say that sometimes when I've seen this, when there's been.  
The additional the second part, the additional percentage that it makes the flat fee lower because of exactly what what you were talking about Wally that that counties that have a lot of activity through the percentage of of records issued might.  
End up picking up some of what the flat fee would cover.  
So, but it wouldn't necessarily have to be that way.  
It depends on how the system got set up. So OK.  
So who wants to vote for option A?  
A flat fee.  
Can I see hands, either physical hands or hands on the?  
Using the raise hand function, who wants to vote for option B?  
The percentage of records issued.  
Hey, I see one.  
I see Wally.  
I see Derek.  
I see joy.  
OK. And then who wants to vote for option CA flat fee and a percentage of, OK?  
I see Virginia.  
I see ginger.  
I see Sarah.  
I see Lucy.  
I see Jennifer.  
I think I missed somebody.

 **Soles, Paola** 38:05  
I was late voting for the second option, sorry.

 **Virginia Lopez** 38:09  
Me too.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 38:10  
I also would like option 2 please.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 38:14  
OK.  
Janet and Paula also and Virginia. Thank you, Virginia.

 **Virginia Lopez** 38:16  
Virginia.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 38:19  
So I need to look to Cindy to do the tabulation.  
Where did we end up?

 **Cyndy Kagan (Visitor)** 38:27  
I would like to qualify that as well. Initially for SO0 for option A for BI, heard Derek Walley and Choi, and then we just added Paola Janet in Virginia.  
But I had Virginia down for C, so I'm not could. Could you confirm?  
OK.  
So then for CI have ginger, Sarah, Jennifer and Lucy.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 39:01  
All right.  
So that that has option B winning the.  
Fees by percentage a percentage of records issued.  
OK.  
So now we're going to look at M8. The state charges a $1.00 fee per order issued from overs to help support the operational and maintenance cost of overs and he.

 **Cyndy Kagan (Visitor)** 39:26  
I need to apologize.  
That should have been an X instead of a one. I I made a mistake on the edit there.  
I think it's just an XV like, not a specific dollar amount, sorry.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 39:37  
OK, the state.  
Thank you, Cindy. The state charges counties X dollars of fee per order issued from overs to help support the operational and maintenance cost of overs. Questions are.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 39:49  
So can I clarify is so 'cause I don't think M8 was that. I think M8 was a dollar.  
The original M8.

 **Cyndy Kagan (Visitor)** 40:00  
OK, it may.  
It may be then on the original, maybe I might be mistaken.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 40:03  
OK, but OK, so is this.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 40:05  
Thank you.  
Alright, so it's it.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 40:07  
Yeah. So we just need to clarify, is this actually fee sharing or is it just a dollar?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 40:16  
I well, I think that how it was written was a dollar per order. That was the option as it was suggested by Work Group member.  
So let's go ahead and vote on this based on the $1.00 fee per order issued from overs to help support the operation and maintenance cost of overs.  
So could I see hands in favour of the state charges counties $1.00 fee per order issued from overs in order to help support the operational maintenance cost of overs?  
Can I see where hands are for that one?

 **Virginia Lopez** 40:45  
Just a clarification for myself.  
So it's a dollar per order, not for certificate issued, right?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 40:55  
This is a a dollar per order.  
Thank you, Virginia.  
OK. OK. Virginia, I see one Virginia's hand.  
I see Wally's hand.  
Looking for any other hands.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 41:12  
I'm sorry, I I was not intending to vote.  
I I do have a question on this.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 41:18  
OK.  
Go ahead and ask your question and then I'll come to Paolo and check in with you.  
Go ahead, Wally.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 41:24  
So family orders.  
Six death certificates from from the county.  
Comes back a week later and needs three more.  
Is that $2.00 or is that $1.00 per death?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 41:45  
It's $1.00 per order.  
That's how I read it. So every time that they get one issued, the $1.00 of that goes to the state.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 41:59  
Oh, I see. OK, thank you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 42:03  
Thanks, Wally. Paula.

 **Soles, Paola** 42:09  
I was voting.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 42:11  
You were voting.  
OK.  
So now that we've clarified that, let's try the vote again.  
So the state charges the county $1.00 fee per order issued from overs to help support the operational maintenance cost of overs.  
This is we're re voting.  
So even if you voted before, please vote again.  
So can I see hands for this one?  
I have Paola.  
I have Virginia.  
Looks like that might be it.  
Did I miss anybody?  
OK.  
So that one doesn't pass, the next one is create a percentage based system for which the state sends the county monthly invoices for X percentage of the total certificates printed by the county that month.  
Questions or clarification about M9?

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 43:21  
Yeah. So I think this M9.  
I mean, I'm.  
I don't remember M9 being one of the top ones that we voted on, but again this is very similar to fee sharing.  
So creating a percentage based system on which so you you're sending invoices for the percentage of the total certificates issued.  
I I think the I'm I'm not understanding it.  
So is the is the idea that?  
We get, you know that the invoice for the for the total certificates printed.  
So it's not clear if it's the full fee or is it a fee, a portion of the fee on this?  
I'm not too sure I understand how it would be calculated.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 44:11  
And it does kind of overlap with the option with the options from the.  
AB and C options that we're talking about earlier.  
Yeah, it it. If this is not clear enough to people how this would be, I would be welcome.  
Any thoughts about clarifying the person who wrote it?  
How what you were thinking about when you wrote it?  
But there isn't a lot more information that we got.  
This was one of the options that was suggested.  
So create a percentage based system for which the state sends the county monthly invoices for X percent of the total certificates printed by the county that month.  
Yeah, it was.

 **Soles, Paola** 44:54  
Do you mind going?  
Sorry, do you mind going back to the previous?  
Screen.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 45:01  
Previous slide.

 **Soles, Paola** 45:04  
If you don't mind, just real quick, I'm sorry.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 45:09  
That was this one.  
This is this is are you thinking of the question about if we do a flat fee or percentage of record issued or plat fee and percentage is that the conversation you were thinking about?

 **Soles, Paola** 45:28  
I need clarification on the the question like what's the what's the difference?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 45:32  
Yeah, right.  
Yeah, M9.  
We don't have more definition on it and it may be that we can't vote on it because there isn't enough definition.  
It's not clear enough.  
I'm going to suggest that we skip this one 'cause we did partially address it in M7 in that discussion, and let's look at the the remaining questions for the group.  
So there were three different.  
Options that people were putting forward in terms of trying to maintain the and improve staffing.  
So there were three statements in particular focused on staffing. One of them was to increase pay.  
One of them was to raise the salary for entry level positions for people living in the Portland area in order to recruit and retain quality people.  
And one was to create and implement a uniform standard classification.  
So the state has the same classifications as the counties that require higher level of skill, experience and training.  
These came up.  
They were options that were proposed.  
I'm not sure 'cause I'm not an expert on the legislature of that. These would be things that the legislature would be wanting to take a position on or make recommendations about. But they did come up as potential options.  
So I think we can go ahead and and and vote on them.  
They can become part of the recommendations.  
If you if you if the work group members want that so the first one is to increase pay for the staff.  
Can I see how many of you would want to recommend that by raising your hand? Oh, Jennifer.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 47:19  
Yeah, no.  
Yeah, I think.  
All of us agree.  
This is what's really hard about this one. We all agree we need to increase pay.  
But but when you're talking about specifically a legislation where we're talking about equitable access to birth and death certificates and equitable fees to may, and that's the that's the intent of the bill.  
I mean, sure we want to increase pay.  
We want to increase salaries.  
We want to.  
We want to create and implement.  
Form classification, but what we're recommending to the legislature is the they to do legislation specifically related to equitable access to birth and death certificates and maintaining enough fee revenue to maintain and improve.  
And and the bill does not say staffing.  
The bill says maintain and improve the state vital records system.  
So I think you know, I mean if we want to recommend it, but I, but you know this is going to be a hard vote because of course I support all of these.  
But I don't support them as far as a legislative request.  
For a legislative report specifically related to the the House bill.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 48:34  
Yeah.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 48:34  
That that's and I think there's some context here that's important to look at and I don't remember that.  
I mean, I thought that in the list that we had before that these.  
Were these higher ones to be reviewing when we did the vote last time?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 48:52  
The reason that these are thank you for that question.  
The reason that these are included this time is because they were on the bubble in terms of how many people voted for them.  
Wally, I see your hand.

 **Wally Ordeman (Guest)** 49:03  
I I just wanted to say I couldn't agree more with Doctor Woodward on that.  
I mean, it's just really well said.  
I'm. I was.  
Not sure at all how I was going to vote on this.  
I I just nicely done.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 49:20  
Thank you, Wally. Lucy.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 49:24  
Have to agree with both Jennifer and Wally.  
I don't believe that this slide and what's on it.  
Is in the spirit of what we're supposed to be doing.  
Equitable access and maintenance of what we've got and making it better.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 49:42  
Thank you, Lucy. OK.  
So we're gonna go through and vote on these.  
You can.  
They're here because they were identified as by by the work group as recommendations.  
So we're gonna go ahead and vote on them. If you don't wanna move them forward, you don't have to vote on vote for them.  
So first, can I see hands for MS1 increase pay?  
Hey, can I see?  
I saw no hands.  
So can I see raise the salary for entry level positions for people living in Portland area in order to recruit and retain quality people?  
Can I see hands for that?  
Hey, I see no hands and then MS-5 created implementing uniform standard classification.  
Can I see hands for that one?  
OK, I see no hands for that one either.  
Next slide please.  
So the last thing for us to do, you've all seen the draft report. It's a draft and it doesn't have today's voting and discussion in it, but it is a compilation of all of the things that we've done over the year including, you know, what was presented and.  
What were the discussions were and the recommendations from last time?  
So what we need from the work group is making the assumption that you have reviewed it is to hear if you can approve the draft report.  
It's all what's in there. Represents all of the work that you all have been doing this year and the voting most, especially the voting from last month.  
So first, before we move to the vote on it, I want to see if there's any questions.  
Eric.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 51:48  
All of the voting has been like in this meeting and last meeting.  
I'm wondering if there are any people who participated throughout the year that weren't able to participate in either meeting but were able to take the survey or anything else. I just would hate for their voices to not be included.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 52:06  
Thank you, Derek.  
It's a great question, everybody who didn't.  
Who didn't respond to the survey? I reached out to personally.  
Some people have retired, some people are no longer in their role.  
Some people have stepped away and not been able to engage in the work group, but the votes from today and last month represent all the people who have been participating consistently.  
And also have everyone I've reached out to everyone who wasn't able to or available to participate more than once so.  
Yeah. Appreciate that.  
In particular, I want to note that we have not had the level of participation from tribal representation that we were hoping for, and that person did give some input and.  
But.  
Unable to participate on an ongoing basis.

 **Patterson Derrick C** 53:13  
Thank you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 53:13  
OK.  
Yeah. Thank you.  
That's a that's a really important question, OK.  
So let me see about hands for approving the draft report.  
Obviously draft, because it didn't include today's conversation.  
It included everything up till now.  
Can I see people's hands for approving the draft report?

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 53:43  
Lana.  
So this what we did today actually changes what's a lot of what's in the not a lot, but some of what's in the draft.  
So that's my question of is there going to be an updated draft based upon what we're doing today?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 54:05  
Absolutely. Absolutely. Yeah. Thank you, Lucy.  
That's a great question for clarification. Absolutely everything that we talked about today will be in the report, yeah.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 54:18  
Do we not vote on this and wait for the draft, the updated changes or what?

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 54:24  
Umm.  
Well, most things won't change. The things that would change are things that wouldn't be in the report yet 'cause we hadn't voted on them yet.  
The things that are in there are the things that the group already voted on.  
And then what we will add is so, oh, let me say it this way. We're not voting on.  
We're voting on what happened in the past and then what you voted on today will be added to the draft so that the draft will be comprehensive and have all the parts, but what you're voting on is what you were able to see, which was everything that you.  
Voted on and discussed up until today.  
And then we'll add today's in to reflect the totality of the work that was done.  
Does that make sense?

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 55:20  
Yes, thank you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 55:22  
Yeah. Thank you. OK.  
So can I see?  
I see hands for approval of the draft report.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 55:33  
Actually, Alana, let's can we clarify a little bit because I because I think we need to talk about the timeline and you know this is a draft. And so question is is also from the work group if they want to see another draft, because we do need to.  
Get this version to start the approval process by November 1st.  
So we have two weeks. So if the if the committee, if the work group wants to see another version of it, then we will need to do a voting via e-mail.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 56:03  
Right, right.  
Thank you, Jennifer, which we absolutely can do. And if you would rather wait to vote until we add today's work into the draft, we can certainly do that.  
We just have to have it done before November 1st.  
What do people think?  
Gender.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 56:30  
Well, personally I would like to be voting on something that is the end draft.  
And I mean, I know that this was a second round of voting, but it kind of for me.  
Present some loose ends and I would rather it be more solidified before I give my vote.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 56:52  
Great. Thank you, ginger.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 56:53  
Thank you.  
Thank you.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 56:54  
Yeah. Thank you. OK.  
So it seems like that you might not be the only one who thinks that 'cause I I saw some nodding when you were talking.  
So we'll do a revised version and get it back out to you and do an electronic vote.  
Yeah, sometime in the next weekish because we need to get move this forward.  
To so it goes through the levels in OHA.  
There's a whole process within OHA that that it goes through after after the workgroup has has approved it, OK.  
Thank you for that clarification.  
Any other comments before we wrap for today?  
Oh, Tinder.

 **Ginger Cerola - Jackson County** 57:53  
So supposing the second draft comes out and there are some questions regarding that, what is the step to do before the vote to? Is this e-mail gonna include everyone so that it's or how would that be?  
Handled just clarification piece.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 58:11  
Yeah, I think it.  
It does make sense for the e-mail to include everybody and every time James sends out any of these.  
Communications. They go to everybody in the work group.  
There's nothing right.  
Everything about this is a public process.  
It's all open for everybody to know about and see, so any comments or questions should also be public.  
Yeah. Thank you for that clarification.  
OK.  
All right. So we'll get something out.  
We'll do an electronic vote.  
There is opportunity for questions if people have questions and we will respond to them as best we can.  
So this is going to be our last work group meeting.  
It's been a wonderful group, really thoughtful and engaged. People deeply appreciate you all.  
I know it's been a lot of time for people and a lot of intense brain work, and you've all hung in there and and I really appreciate the work group members.  
For your careful attention and your thoughtful attention to all of these issues.  
Any other questions or comments before we wrap for today?  
And it said thank you. Thank you to.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 59:37  
Yeah. Thank you everybody. It's been great.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 59:39  
Thank you.  
Thank you, Janet, for stepping in.

 **Joy L. Goodwin** 59:41  
Thank you.

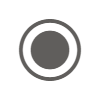
 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 59:43  
All right. Take care, everyone.  
It's been a pleasure working with you.  
See you electronically.  
OK, take care.

 **Janet Fredrickson** 59:49  
Bye everybody.

 **Gibson Lucyann S** 59:50  
Thanks. Bye, bye.

 **Woodward Jennifer A** 59:50  
Bye.

 **Alanna Hein (Guest)** 59:51  
Bye.

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