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Meeting Dates:	1/23 (policy sub), 2/13 (policy sub), 2/16 (full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands the definition of “authorized users” to include parents or guardians of children under 18 years of age, clients 18 years of age or older, and post-secondary education institutions, for the purpose of sharing immunization records through immunization registries. Stipulates that the immunization information is to be removed from the registry upon request of the client if the client is 18 years of age or older. Removes “or provider” from the requirement that immunization information be removed from the registry if authorized.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current limitations to the collection and dissemination of immunization records
- Importance of a lifespan registry
- ALERT as an effective tool in tracking immunization records
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant funds
- Reason for including post-secondary institutions
- Potential impact of unauthorized users accessing the ALERT system
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes “or provider” from the requirement that immunization information be removed from the registry if authorized.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Immunization ALERT is a statewide child and adolescent immunization registry. ALERT collects immunization information from both the public and private health care sectors and combines it into one complete record for each child in Oregon. The registry assists providers and parents in maintaining a child’s immunization status, even if the child has received immunizations from more than one provider.

Immunization registries are a component of maintaining immunization coverage rates. ALERT is a tool used by providers, health departments, and health plans that target children’s immunization records in one location.