

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Boquist
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands powers and duties of vector control district board and county court to include prevention or control of public health vectors and predatory animals. Allows district to make not-for-profit application of pesticides to governmental or homeowner association lands. Allows the Department of Human Services to provide matching funds for vector control district disease surveillance program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Vector Control Association composition and functions
- West Nile virus and relationship to vector control
- Other public health services of vector control
- Provisions of bill
- Allowing districts to change or modify name from just “vector”

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A vector is defined as an organism such as a mosquito or tick that transmits disease-causing microorganisms from infected individuals to other persons or from infected animals to human beings. Vector control districts have been addressing the outbreak of West Nile virus (WNV) since it was first detected in 2004. In that year, 21 counties detected 1,650 cases of WNV mosquitoes, 63 cases in birds, 113 cases in horses and 86 cases in humans, with 73 cases reported in 2006.