

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/25, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows pharmacists to administer vaccines and immunizations to persons who are at least 11 years of age. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules requiring pharmacists to report information about administration of vaccines to immunization registry under ORS 433.094. Amendments to original statute become operative on January 1, 2011. Authorizes DHS and State Board of Pharmacy to take any actions necessary before the operative date to implement the measure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon ranks behind other states in immunizations
- Anticipated increase in immunizations of children in rural areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -2 amendment requires Department of Human services (DHS) to adopt rules requiring pharmacists to report information about the administration of vaccines to the immunization registry under ORS 433.094. Amendments to original statute become operative on January 1, 2011. Authorizes DHS and State Board of Pharmacy to take any actions necessary before operative date to implement the bill.

BACKGROUND: Oregon statutes presently allow pharmacist to administer influenza vaccinations and immunizations to person more than 15 years of age if the pharmacist has special accreditation or certification, and to person 18 or older under all other circumstances (see ORS 689.645). Oregon now ranks 39th among states for the number of residents who are immunized. Pharmacists presently administer 85 percent of the flu shots in Oregon. Some rural areas are underserved by medical personnel who can administer vaccines and immunizations to children.