

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/18

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 to adopt rules requiring pharmacists to report information about the administration of vaccines to the immunization registry under ORS 443.094. Specifies that rule adoption becomes operative on January 1, 2011. Authorizes department and State Board of Pharmacy to take any actions necessary to implement the measure before the operative date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accessibility to immunization sites
- Voluntary versus mandated requirement for pharmacy participation
- *Vaccine for Children* program
- Registry program participation, access and usage
- Implementation date of immunization registry
- Medicaid reimbursement cap and requirements
- Pharmacist reasons for “opting out” of *Vaccine for Children* program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows pharmacists to administer influenza vaccinations and immunizations to persons more than 15 years of age if the pharmacist has special accreditation or certification, and to persons 18 or older under all circumstances per 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. Rural areas are commonly underserved by medical personnel who can administer vaccines and immunizations to children.