

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires students of veterinary science participating in diagnosis and treatment of animals to be engaged in educational program accredited by Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) or college of veterinary medicine accredited by American Veterinary Medical Association. Requires that students be under direct supervision of Oregon-licensed veterinarian or veterinarian approved by Board or Oregon State University.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to protect integrity of externship programs
- Type of work done by vet students

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association initiated a mentorship program to acquaint veterinary students with real-world veterinary work. The Board proposed this legislation after receiving a complaint that a first-year veterinary student, hired through the mentorship program, was being allowed to perform surgeries, administer rabies vaccinations, and other procedures without supervision. The veterinarian responsible for supervising the student disagreed with the Board as to whether or not this practice was prohibited. Currently, state law provides a licensing exemption for students participating in the treatment and diagnosis of animals in off-campus educational programs. Senate Bill 108A places additional conditions on the exemption by requiring that students be engaged in an educational program approved by the Board or an accredited college, as well as being under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian approved by the Board or Oregon State University.

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