

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/26, 3/19

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Legislation stems from a complaint of a veterinarian allowing a first year student to practice outside the scope of their education level
- Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board proposed the legislation to ensure that they had oversight authority
- Importance of allowing students from other states to participate in mentor program

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the original bill.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association initiated a mentorship program to acquaint veterinary students with real-world veterinary work. The Veterinary Medical Examining Board (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. SB 108 A 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.