## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2371 A CARRIER: Rep. Nathanson

**House Committee on Health Care** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the

Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0 **Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/28, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires organizations that purchase and administer vaccines to certify that employees have completed Oregon Health Authority (OHA) approved no cost, online training session on the storage, handling, and administration of vaccines. Exempts entity from training requirement if they can demonstrate to OHA that entity or health licensing board has adequate training requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Medical errors relating to vaccine storage
- Need to eliminate waste and duplicate spending
- Inconvenience to patients and costs associated with re-administering vaccines
- Current public health process for handling and storage of vaccine materials
- Role of Immunization and Vaccine Management Programs
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Exempts entity from training requirement if they can demonstrate to the authority that the entity or health licensing board has adequate training requirements.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon Immunization Program distributed over \$29 million dollars of federally and state purchased vaccines to more than 600 clinics, hospitals and pharmacies for administration to eligible children and adults. Proponents state that last year there were several incidents where vaccines was stored improperly and not recognized until after it had been administered.