

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that Oregon Health Authority (OHA) may release information from immunization registry and tracking and recall system for purposes of outreach to clients who have missed public health interventions and for purposes of public health assessment and evaluation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of ALERT Immunization Information System (IIS)
- Accomplishments of immunization registry
- Importance of public health surveillance and evaluation
- Relationship between OHA and local public health agencies
- Impact on newborns and newborn testing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The ALERT system is a statewide, population-based registry that tracks immunizations provided to individuals throughout the state of Oregon. The registry was one of the earliest systems in the country to have achieved the 2010 National Health Objective of greater than 95 percent of children under six years of age participating in a statewide immunization registry.

Currently, the ALERT statutes only allow contact information to be shared for the purposes of: (1) improving an individual's immunization status; or (2) informing an individual or their parent or guardian that the individual is late in receiving recommended immunizations. Senate Bill 107-A allows ALERT addresses to be shared for limited additional public health purposes, including informing patients of missed lead and hearing screening opportunities, outreach to patients who might be eligible for additional public health interventions, and conducting public health assessments and evaluations focused on immunizations and vaccine-preventable disease. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) indicates that all data sharing would utilize the same secure, confidential protocols currently in place within ALERT.