

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 1

**Yeas:** Courtney, Kruse, Shields, Monnes Anderson

**Nays:** Morse

**Exc.:** Bates

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires health care worker to provide health care employer with evidence that worker received annual seasonal influenza vaccination or written declaration that worker declines vaccination. Requires health care employer to report to Oregon Health Authority on vaccination of health care workers. Removes condition of employment language. Deletes vaccination requirement for ambulance services, home health agencies, and hospice programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Increasing public concern relating to flu seasons
- Importance of flu vaccinations in disease prevention
- Recent education campaign and raising vaccination rates for health care workers
- Proposed amendment
- Concerns relating to vaccinations and conditions of employment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes condition of employment language. Removes vaccination requirement for ambulance services, home health agencies, and hospice programs.

**BACKGROUND:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) recommend that all U.S. health care workers get vaccinated annually against influenza. The CDC states that influenza (the flu) can be a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and, on occasion, death. The flu can be highly contagious and can be spread easily from patient to care giver, from care giver to care giver and from care giver to family members. Additionally, CDC states that health care workers who get vaccinated help to reduce: transmission of influenza, staff illness and absenteeism, and influenza related illness and death.

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