

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes state government bodies, local government bodies, special government bodies, Oregon Health and Science University, and Oregon State Bar subject to restaurant licensing and inspection requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent norovirus outbreak at Oregon Zoo
- Health inspection record at Oregon Zoo

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law requires a person operating a restaurant or bed and breakfast facility to obtain a license from the Oregon Health Authority and undergo inspection of the facility every six months. Current law, however, specifies that the law only applies to “persons,” which is defined under ORS 174.100(5) to include individuals, corporations, associations, firms, partnerships, limited liability companies and joint stock companies. ORS 174.109 defines public bodies, but that definition is not found in the restaurant licensing and inspecting statutes.

Senate Bill 631 inserts language into the definition section of the licenses and inspection statutes for restaurants to specifically include public bodies and special entities such as Oregon Health and Science University and the Oregon State Bar.