

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies age for which a pharmacist may administer vaccines from eleven years of age or older to seven years of age or older. Allows Oregon Board of Pharmacy to take action before the operative date specified necessary to exercise duties. Creates operative date of on or before January 1, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In order for a pharmacist to administer a vaccine in Oregon, the pharmacist must complete a course of training, hold Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate and follow written protocol of Oregon Health Authority. Further, the person who receives the vaccine must be at least eleven years of age.

Vaccines protect against polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and the influenza virus. Under the federal Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Healthy People 2020 provides 10-year goals and objectives to improve health. Among Healthy People objectives is to increase immunization rates and reduce preventable infectious diseases, reporting that 42,000 adults and 300 children in the United States die each year due to vaccine preventable diseases.