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## Veterinary Medical Examining Board

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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

The Hon. Chris Edwards, Chair

The Hon. Alan Olsen, Vice-Chair

The Hon. Michael Dembrow

The Hon. Floyd Prozanski

The Hon. Chuck Thomsen

Dear Chair Edwards, Vice-Chair Olson and Members of the Committee:

The Veterinary Board is requesting that you approve HB 2475. The bill was developed in concert with the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association and Portland Veterinary Medical Association. The Oregon Medical Board currently has similar non-disciplinary cite and fine authority.

Here is why the Board asks for your approval:

*Problem:* Every complaint the Board resolves through settlement or hearing becomes a part of the licensee's permanent public record, including minor administrative or clerical infractions unrelated to medical conduct or patient health and safety. Minor rule infractions should not lead to permanent public discipline for licensees.

*Solution:* HB 2475 will allow the Board to resolve minor, administrative infractions through a non-disciplinary citation, not to exceed \$100. The licensee will retain the right to go through a public disciplinary process if desired, and the Board will retain the discretion to issue disciplinary notice depending on the nature of the violation and the licensee's history.

In most applicable cases, notice of the infraction along with a modest fine will lead to future compliance.

Issuing a citation and fine is simpler and less costly to all parties than investigation, board review and contested case hearing. For minor issues, there is no need to waste the state's or licensees' funds to reach the same end—compliance.

If noncompliance persists, public discipline is still an option for the Board.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your consideration and request your support of HB 2475.

Respectfully,

Lori Makinen  
Executive Director

