

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 2474 A**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Tim Walker  
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Date: 04/08/2015**Measure Description:**

Prohibits veterinary facility from offering services related to practice of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry unless veterinary facility registers with Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Veterinary Medical Examining Board

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

<b>Agency – Fund Type</b>	<b>2015-17 Biennium</b>	<b>2017-2019 Biennium</b>
Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board – Other Funds	\$110,705	\$141,614
Positions / FTE	1 / 0.75	1 / 1.00

**Summary of Revenue Impact:**

<b>Agency – Fund Type</b>	<b>2015-17 Biennium</b>	<b>2017-2019 Biennium</b>
Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board – Other Funds	\$150,000	\$150,000

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:** This bill prohibits veterinary facilities from offering services related to veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry unless registered with the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board and requires a designated licensed veterinarian to ensure facility is in compliance with rules adopted by the Board. In addition, the bill establishes a rules advisory committee to provide recommendations to the Board on the inspection program and specifies membership of the committee. The rules committee shall report to the Board by October 31, 2015 and is repealed January 1, 2020. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

The Board is currently gathering data to determine the number of veterinary facilities currently in operation in Oregon. Initial estimates provided by the Board are approximately 500 facilities. The Board anticipates adopting, through rule, a \$150 annual registration fee to cover the cost of the registration and inspection program. Using the estimate of 500 facilities, the fees would generate approximately \$150,000 Other Funds per biennium. The Board anticipates collecting the registration fees beginning July 1, 2015 and once fee revenues provide sufficient cash flow, hiring an Investigator position to ensure compliance beginning January 1, 2016.

The Board intends to begin the rulemaking process and initially provide facilities with a self-certification for compliance with minimum facility standards for the first year while the Investigator position begins the inspection process to verify compliance. For the 2015-17 biennium, the costs of the full-time Investigator 2 position (0.75 FTE) are expected to be \$110,705 Other Funds, including associated services and supplies costs for travel. The position and limitation request were originally included in a policy package within the Board's 2015-17 Agency Request Budget, but has since been refined as the Board continues to evaluate the resources that would be needed. The Board anticipates only minimal costs related to the establishment of the rules committee.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that depending on the number of veterinary facilities in operation and the requirements of inspection determined by the rules committee, the Board may need to return to the Legislature for additional resources.