

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each school and children's facility report annually to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on number of children in area served by school or facility who are in attendance conditionally because of incomplete immunization schedule. Requires each local health department make available to each school and children's facility in area served data on immunization rate, by disease, of children in area. Allows OHA to assist local health departments in compiling data for specified data. Requires each school and children's facility make available immunization data by disease at main office, online where possible, and through specified paper document or electronic communication. Specifies timeline for providing immunization data. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction include in school district and school performance report information related to number of children served in district and number of children susceptible to restrictable disease. Repeals section 4, chapter 516, Oregon Laws 2013. Declare emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 433.269, local health departments are required to provide immunizations at convenient times and locations, to be administered under the direction of the local health officer. The local health department and each school and children's facility are required to report annually to the OHA on the number of children in the area served and the number of children who are susceptible to restrictable disease. Students exempted under ORS 433.267 are considered susceptible. Additionally, the administrator is required to maintain immunization records of children, including children in conditional attendance due to incomplete immunizations or exemptions.

Senate Bill 895 requires specific reporting, posting, and communication of aggregate data on immunization rates for OHA, local health departments, schools, children's facilities, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The bill additionally repeals section 4, chapter 516, Oregon Laws 2013. Section 4 excused children who had received exemptions from immunization prior to the passage of the Act from undertaking the new requirements for exemption that were established in 2013. Repealing section 4 would consequently require all children, as a condition of attendance in any school or children's facility, to adhere to the guidelines for receiving an accepted exemption from immunization as established in ORS 433.267 (immunization of school children).