

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Health Care**

**MEASURE: SB 520**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Kruse**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/18/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/18

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward

Nays: 1 - Shields

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Preventing disease outbreaks and increasing access to vaccines across lifespan
- Thirty-three states allow pharmacists to vaccinate under age 11
- Pharmacists report vaccines to Oregon's immunization registry and consult registry
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immunization schedule provides guidance for seven-year-olds

**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 a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and follow written protocol of the 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 300 children in the United States die each year due to vaccine-preventable diseases.