

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/02/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/03, 04/02

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits veterinary facilities from offering services related to veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry unless facility registers with Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) and designates licensed veterinarian to ensure facility is in compliance with rules adopted by Board. Requires Board to adopt rules and specify fees for registering and renewing veterinary facility licenses and establish health and safety standards for veterinary facilities. Creates rules advisory committee and details committee membership. Authorizes Board to inspect facilities to ensure compliance with rules and suspend or revoke registration for failure to comply.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Changing nature of veterinary facility ownership
- Implications of facilities not owned by licensed veterinarians
- Public safety issues and need for facility inspections and reporting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Limits registration and renewal fees to cost of covering administration of registration and renewal. Creates a rules advisory committee and details membership.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) was established in 1903 to test, license, monitor and regulate practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state. The Board's mission is to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary services. The Board's authority comes from the Veterinary Practice Act, ORS Chapter 686.

House Bill 2474 A would require veterinary facilities to register with the Board and designate a licensed veterinarian to ensure facility is in compliance with any rules adopted by the Board. The measure would also require the Board adopt rules for registering and renewing facility licenses, establish health and safety standards for such facilities, and authorize the Board to inspect and suspend or revoke a facility's registration for non-compliance with the Board's rules.