

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/06, 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits pharmacists to administer vaccines to individuals at least seven years of age.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of lowering the vaccination age from 11 to seven years of age
- Thirty-three states allow pharmacists to vaccinate under age 11
- Pharmacists report vaccines to Oregon's immunization registry and consult registry
- Guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immunization schedule
- Training requirements for pharmacists
- Liability issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, a pharmacist can administer a vaccine if: the pharmacist has completed a training course, holds a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and follows the written protocols provided by 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.