

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 06/01/15**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill. Refer To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 05/04, 06/01**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Edwards, Prozanski, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Olsen

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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:

- Annual cost to veterinarians
- Consumer protection in veterinary industry
- Minimum standards of care established by Board
- Ownership of veterinary facilities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 that a facility is in compliance with any rules adopted by the Board. The measure would also require the Board to 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.