

# House Bill 3540

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (at the request of Sherri Profitt, grandmother of Serena Profitt)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing to adopt rules requiring practitioners to screen certain patients for pathogenic E. coli bacteria and report positive screening results to Oregon Health Authority.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to E. coli screenings; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Medical Board shall, in consultation with the Oregon State**  
5 **Board of Nursing, adopt rules to:**

6 (1) **Require physicians and physician assistants to perform a screening for pathogenic E.**  
7 **coli bacteria on a patient who is under 18 years of age and who presents with four or more**  
8 **consecutive days of unexplained diarrhea; and**

9 (2) **Direct a physician or physician assistant to inform the Oregon Health Authority of a**  
10 **positive result from an E. coli screening described in subsection (1) of this section.**

11 **SECTION 2. The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall, in consultation with the Oregon**  
12 **Medical Board, adopt rules to:**

13 (1) **Require nurse practitioners to perform a screening for pathogenic E. coli bacteria on**  
14 **a patient who is under 18 years of age and who presents with four or more consecutive days**  
15 **of unexplained diarrhea; and**

16 (2) **Direct a nurse practitioner to inform the Oregon Health Authority of a positive result**  
17 **from an E. coli screening described in subsection (1) of this section.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act become operative on January 1, 2016.**

19 (2) **The Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any**  
20 **action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary**  
21 **to enable the boards to exercise, on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of**  
22 **this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the boards by sections 1**  
23 **and 2 of this 2015 Act.**

24 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
26 **on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.