

SB 869 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires health care professionals to obtain informed consent from the parent of a child, unless child is emancipated before administering a vaccination. Requires consent form contain specific information pertaining to the risks and benefits of individual vaccinations and mandates issuing certain notices as part of the consent process. Provides the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rule making authority to develop the consent form.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires that all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities have up-to-date documentation on their immunizations, or go through the established process for claiming an exemption. In 2015, Senate Bill 895 amended Oregon law (ORS 433) by requiring specific reporting, posting, and communication of aggregate data on immunization rates for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), local health departments, schools, children’s facilities, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In Oregon, parents who do not want their children to be vaccinated can claim a nonmedical exemption for one or all school immunizations. Oregon college students can claim a nonmedical exemption for the measles vaccine. Parents that decide to claim a nonmedical exemption can talk with their child’s health care provider and get a Vaccine Education Certificate. Alternatively, a parent can watch an online education module and submit a Vaccine Education Certificate made available by OHA to the school or facility before the child can attend class.

Senate Bill 869 requires health care professionals to obtain informed consent from the parent of a child, or child that is emancipated prior to administering a vaccination. The informed consent must describe risks and benefits of each individual vaccination, a copy of the vaccine package, information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), notice on how to file a petition to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and information on the availability of nonmedical exemptions for school-age children in Oregon.