

SB 687 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts delay or refusal to vaccinate a child from definition of “abuse” for purposes of child abuse reporting statutes.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law currently exempts reasonable discipline of a child from the definition of “abuse” used in child abuse reporting statutes, unless that discipline results in specified more substantial harm. Vaccinations are required for children to attend public and private schools, preschools, child care facilities, and Head Start programs in Oregon unless there is a valid exemption.

Senate Bill 687 modifies the definition of abuse for child abuse reporting statutes to expressly exclude a refusal to vaccinate a child or a decision to delay a child’s vaccination from the definition of abuse.