

SB 274 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires post-secondary educational institutions that offer housing to provide each student enrolling or registering at institution for first time information on vaccine-preventable diseases known to occur in individuals between 16 and 21 years old. Requires information include: signs and symptoms, circumstances that create risk of acquiring a disease, category A or B vaccine recommendations by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), availability, benefits, risks and limitations of vaccines, and options for treatment including where to receive a vaccination. Requires post-secondary institutions consult Oregon Health Authority or CDCP when developing information for students. Makes technical changes to state law governing immunization requirements for college students. Specifies that bill does not create private right of action against a post-secondary educational institution.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE FLOOR VOTE: 25-4-1-0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, state law allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require that post-secondary educational institutions require students to be vaccinated before the student's second quarter or semester of enrollment. Community colleges and career schools are exempt from these provisions. Students attending school on a nonimmigrant visa must be vaccinated before attending classes. Senate Bill 274-A adds provisions requiring that institutions inform students about available vaccines and the diseases they are designed to prevent.

According to the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Category A vaccines are recommended for all persons in an age-factor or risk-factor group, while Category B vaccines are recommended for individuals by their clinicians.