

SB 222 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board (Board) to adopt rules requiring persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine (prescriber) to provide animal owner with a copy of a prescription and a written statement that owner may purchase prescription from prescriber or a pharmacy chosen by owner. Prohibits prescriber from charging fee for issuance of prescription. Authorizes Board to take actions prior to effective date if needed to enable Board to exercise authority on effective date. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

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:

BACKGROUND:

Veterinarians are licensed to practice in Oregon under ORS Chapter 686. ORS 686.030 (2) identifies prescribing or administering a drug or medicine for the prevention, cure, amelioration, correction or modification of an animal problem as an act constituting the practice of veterinary medicine.

Senate Bill 222 would direct the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board to adopt rules requiring veterinarians to provide animal owners with a copy of a prescription.