

SB 274 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/21/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 3-1-1-0
Yeas: 3 - Hass, Kruse, Roblan
Nays: 1 - Linthicum
Exc: 1 - Gelser
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires post-secondary educational institutions that offer housing to provide information on vaccine-preventable diseases known to occur in individuals between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. Establishes program requirements. Makes technical changes to state law governing immunization requirements for college students. Defines post-secondary institution of higher education. Specifies that bill does not create a private right of action against a post-secondary educational institution.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Immunization rates in Oregon
- Rates of vaccine-preventable disease occurrence in Oregon
- Informed consent
- Meningitis outbreaks in 2012, 2015, and 2016

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds definition of post-secondary institution of higher education. Eliminates references to specific diseases. Eliminates the requirement that students acknowledge receipt of information. Adds requirement that institutions inform students about vaccines categorized as A or B either by the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Specifies that bill does not create a private right of action against a post-secondary educational institution.

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 274A 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- or risk-factor group, while Category B vaccines are recommended for individuals by their clinicians.