

**SB 70 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands exemption from requirement to hold license to practice veterinary medicine to include persons practicing animal husbandry and persons administering nonmedical services prescribed by licensed veterinarian.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (VMEB) was established in 1903 to test, license, monitor, and regulate the practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state. The board's mission is to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary services.

Current statute requires a person practicing veterinary medicine in the state to hold a valid license issued by the board. Animal owners, employees of animal owners, and persons providing gratuitous services are exempt from the licensing requirement. Senate Bill 70 clarifies and expands the exemption to include persons practicing animal husbandry and persons administering nonmedical services prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.