

HB 2220 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) to certify dentists to prescribe and administer vaccines if specified criteria are met. Requires the Board approve a training course on prescribing and administering vaccines. Requires the Board to adopt rules for dentists to report on vaccines to the statewide immunization registry. Declares emergency, takes effect on 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:

-1 Removes vaccine certification requirement for dentists.

BACKGROUND:

The first Act regulating the practice of dentistry was adopted by the Oregon Legislature on February 23, 1887, declaring the Oregon Board of Dentistry responsible for licensure of dental professionals. States permit different health professionals to administer vaccines including medical assistants; midwives; nurses in advanced practice and registered, practical, and vocational nurses; physician assistants; and pharmacists.

House Bill 2220 allows licensed dentists to provide vaccines in Oregon.