

SB 71 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows certified individuals to administer sedative and analgesic medications when euthanizing animals.

Minimal fiscal impact.

No revenue impact.

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 allows a humane society or animal control agency, if registered with the State Board of Pharmacy, to purchase, possess, and, if the individual is certified by the VMEB, to administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize animals. Senate Bill 71 allows those groups or individuals to obtain and administer sedatives and analgesic medications when euthanizing animals. Testimony received by the committee indicates that administering sedation and analgesic medication make the process less painful for the animal and less traumatic for the animal owner.

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