

HB 2220 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Hayden, Rep. Schouten

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/19/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Exc: 1 - Boles

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) to certify dentists to prescribe and administer vaccines. Requires the Board to adopt rules for dentists to report on vaccines to the statewide immunization registry. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allowing dentists to administer vaccines; types of vaccines
- Clarification that the measure does not require licensed dentists to administer vaccines, *including flu vaccines*
- Integration of primary care and dentistry in Oregon
- Ability of dentists to identify patients for a vaccine; billing for administering vaccines including number of appointments for parents and children during a single visit
- Accessibility of a patient's medical history in an electronic health record; issue of interoperability (lack thereof) among different provider offices
- Requirement for dentists and other health care professionals to record immunizations in existing immunization database (ALERT)
- Ability of dentists and other health care professionals to appropriately respond to possible side effects of immunizations
- Vaccine injury, reporting, and adverse events
- Safety of vaccines, patient-informed consent, and access to dental treatment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes vaccine certification requirement for dentists.

BACKGROUND:

The first Act regulating the practice of dentistry in Oregon was adopted by the Legislative Assembly 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-A allows licensed dentists to voluntarily provide vaccines in Oregon.