

HB 2220 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Fagan

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/19
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Monnes Anderson
Exc: 1 - Linthicum
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes dentists to prescribe and administer vaccines. Directs the Oregon Board of Dentistry to approve a training course on the prescription and administration of vaccines. Directs Board to adopt rules related to the prescription and administration of vaccines, including rules requiring dentists to comply with protocols and rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinating with OHA's immunization registry. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emphasis on integration of oral and physical health in Oregon
- Illinois and Minnesota laws allowing vaccine administration by dentists
- Voluntary nature of authorization given
- Required access to vaccine registry

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Proper vaccine administration is critical to ensure that vaccination is safe and effective. 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.