

HB 4053 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the prohibition against a county issuing a dog license without proof of rabies inoculation. Repeals county and city authority to consider a dog license proof that a rabies vaccination certificate has been filed. Authorizes counties to impose specified conditions or requirements, or provide other means, to verify compliance with dog vaccination requirements.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Requires rather than authorizes counties to impose specified conditions or requirements, or provide other means, to verify compliance with dog vaccination requirements. Allows the owner a 60-day grace period to provide proof of inoculation. Reinstates county and city authority to consider a dog license proof that a rabies vaccination certificate has been filed. Modifies inoculation and vaccination terminology for consistency.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Currently, counties may not issue a dog license until the official has been shown proper certification of a rabies inoculation by the pet owner. Since dog licenses are dependent on rabies inoculations, ORS 433.377 also allows a county or city to consider a dog license as verification that there is a certificate of inoculation on file.

Multnomah County has a code requirement for veterinarians to report rabies inoculation in addition to the statutory requirement for pet owners to report rabies inoculation. When Multnomah County changed its online licensing system to require upload of the inoculation certificate by a pet owner to ensure compliance with statute, the county observed a dramatic reduction in the number of licenses purchased through the online system, likely due to owners not having the vaccination document readily available and needing to obtain it from their veterinarian.

House Bill 4053 would allow a county to issue a dog license without proof of rabies inoculation, and would require counties to impose specified conditions or requirements, or provide other means, to verify compliance with dog vaccination requirements.