

HB 4053 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes the prohibition against a county issuing a dog license without proof of rabies inoculation to a conditioning of the licensing upon the owner presenting inoculation proof within a 60-day grace period or providing other means acceptable to the Oregon Health Authority for verifying compliance with the inoculation requirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Replaces measure. Requires a county to condition a dog license upon the owner presenting a rabies inoculation certificate. Allows a county to provide other means acceptable to the Oregon Health Authority for verifying compliance with the rabies inoculation requirement. Following issuance of a dog license, authorizes a county to allow a 60-day grace period for the owner to present a rabies inoculation certificate or for the county to receive verification by other acceptable means. Does not allow a county or city to consider a license to be verification of rabies inoculation during the 60 days following license issuance. Modifies subsequent statutory language to allow for other acceptable rabies inoculation verification to be equally permissible to a rabies inoculation certificate.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, a county may not issue a dog license until an official has been shown proper certification of a rabies inoculation by the pet owner. When Multnomah County changed its online licensing system to require the upload of the inoculation certificate by a pet owner to ensure compliance with the 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-A requires a county to condition dog licensing upon the owner presenting inoculation proof within a 60-day grace period or providing other means acceptable to the Oregon Health Authority for verifying compliance with the inoculation requirement.