

HB 4053 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 02/13/20

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Rules. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, Lively, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/13

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:

- Importance of, and frequency of, dog licensure in Oregon
- Consequences for noncompliant pet owners
- Variation in county processes for ensuring statutory requirements are met
- Challenge of dog tags accurately reflecting vaccination status

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

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 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-A would require 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.