

**HB 2733 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes prohibition against a county issuing a dog license without proof of rabies inoculation. Requires county to make dog license conditional upon the owner presenting certificate of rabies inoculation. Authorizes county to allow 60 days, after the issuance of license, to present rabies inoculation certification. Authorizes county to provide other means to verify compliance with dog vaccination and to provide the other acceptable means to Oregon Health Authority to verify compliance. Stipulates county or city may not consider a license to be verification of rabies inoculation during the 60-days following license being issued..

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**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 2733 would remove the prohibition against issuing a dog license without proof of a rabies inoculation and instead would require a county to make a dog license conditional on the presentation of inoculation proof. Under House Bill 2733, a county would be authorized to allow a 60 day grace period for a dog owner to present proof of inoculation.