

SB 1539 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes individuals without a veterinary medicine license to, through January 1, 2031, perform cattle pregnancy verification services, provided they have received relevant training. The measure authorizes the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board to establish by rule the circumstances under which such services may be provided by unlicensed individuals.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes 26; Nays 2; Excused 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statutes 686.020 and 686.040 authorize the following individuals to practice veterinary medicine:

- Licensed veterinary professionals in medicine, surgery, or dentistry
- Authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture
- Unlicensed representatives of livestock, cow-testing, or poultry associations who collect blood samples for disease testing, with Department of Agriculture authorization
- Individuals permitted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate wildlife
- Students, agents, or employees of educational or research institutions involved in relevant activities

These statutes do not currently authorize individuals who do not hold a veterinary license to practice cattle pregnancy determination.