Senate Joint Resolution 1

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SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Human Services to review immunization requirements.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas Oregon law requires that children meet immunization requirements before attending school or entering a children's facility in this state; and

Whereas immunizations are required for all children entering a child care facility, preschool, kindergarten or seventh grade and for all students entering school in Oregon for the first time; and

Whereas immunization requirements include immunizations for diptheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A and B, haemophilus influenzae Type b and varicella; and

Whereas invasive pneumococcal disease is a result of life-threatening infections caused by the bacterium streptococcus pneumoniae and includes bacterial meningitis, bacteremia, sepsis and bacteremic pneumonia; and

Whereas Oregon's overall immunization rate, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is 73 percent, placing Oregon 39th among all states; and

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Oregon's immunization rate for a complete cycle of immunizations against pneumoccoccal disease is 67 percent; and

Whereas immunizations remain the best defense available today against infectious diseases; and

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that although safe and effective vaccines are available, thousands of children die or are hospitalized each year from diseases that immunizations would prevent; and

Whereas the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices have produced a list of recommended immunizations; and

Whereas the Department of Human Services has not amended its rules to take into account the recommended immunizations; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, direct the Department of Human Services to review its rules on immunization requirements and to ensure that the current immunization requirements meet the requirements recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.