

**SB 580 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires health care professionals to provide information regarding the vaccination prior to administering a vaccination to a child. Grants the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rule making authority to develop the content of the written notice.

*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:**

Oregon law requires that all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities have up-to-date documentation on their immunizations, or go through the established process for claiming an exemption. In 2015, Senate Bill 895 amended Oregon law (ORS 433) by requiring specific reporting, posting, and communication of aggregate data on immunization rates for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), local health departments, schools, children’s facilities, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In Oregon, parents who do not want their children to be vaccinated can claim a nonmedical exemption for one or all school immunizations. Oregon college students can claim a nonmedical exemption for the measles vaccine. Parents that decide to claim a nonmedical exemption can talk with their child’s health care provider and get a Vaccine Education Certificate. Alternatively, a parent can watch an online education module and submit a Vaccine Education Certificate made available by OHA to the school or facility before the child can attend class.

Senate Bill 580 requires health care professionals to provide a written notice to the parent of a child, or child that is emancipated. The written notice must describe what vaccinations are required of school aged children and the availability of nonmedical exemptions in Oregon.