

SB 649 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires licensed health care providers to provide information packets to patients receiving a vaccine from the provider. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to maintain a publicly available website that provides access to vaccine information data for all vaccinations required by Oregon and other vaccinations commonly recommended by licensed health care providers. Establishes website content requirements. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

Vaccines are used as a means to prevent diseases that can be dangerous, or even deadly. Vaccines work by "imitating" an infection and working with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and medical experts update vaccine recommendations ("Schedules") every year based on the latest science and research. Children in attendance at Oregon public and private schools, preschools, child care facilities and Head Start programs are required to have certain vaccinations unless granted a medical or nonmedical exemption.

Senate Bill 649 requires licensed health care providers to provide information packets to patients receiving a vaccine.