

SB 71 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Business and Labor

Carrier: Rep. Barker

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Barreto, Boles, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Bynum, Clem, Doherty, Evans, Fahey

Exc: 1 - Holvey

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows certified individuals to administer sedative and analgesic medications when euthanizing animals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefit to small animal shelters that do not have veterinarian on staff
- Ability to store medications on site
- Benefits of sedation to animal and owner

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (VMEB) was established in 1903 to test, license, monitor, and regulate the practitioners of veterinary medicine in the state. The Board's mission is to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary services.

Current statute allows a humane society or animal control agency, if registered with the State Board of Pharmacy, to purchase, possess, and, if the individual is certified by the VMEB, to administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize animals. Senate Bill 71 allows those groups or individuals to obtain and administer sedatives and analgesic medications when euthanizing animals. Testimony received by the committee indicates that administering sedation and analgesic medication make the process less painful for the animal and less traumatic for the animal owner.