

House Bill 3087

Sponsored by Representative WITT

SUMMARY

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Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish volunteer vaccine administration program to utilize specified volunteer health care providers to administer vaccines in emergency. Defines "emergency."

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to vaccine administration; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Emergency" includes:

6 (A) A declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to ORS 401.165;

7 (B) An epidemic or pandemic;

8 (C) A natural disaster;

9 (D) A transportation disaster; and

10 (E) Any other disaster or situation, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.

11 (b) "Health care provider" means:

12 (A) A dentist licensed under ORS 679.060 to 679.180;

13 (B) A nurse licensed under ORS 678.040 to 678.101;

14 (C) A pharmacist license under ORS chapter 689;

15 (D) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677; and

16 (E) A physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.495 to 677.535.

17 (c) "Retired health care provider" means a health care provider who retired from practice in good standing and who meets any competency requirements established by the authority by rule.

20 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a volunteer vaccine administration program to utilize volunteer health care providers and retired health care providers for the administration of vaccines to the public during an emergency. In establishing the program, the authority shall create a registry of health care providers and retired health care providers who wish to volunteer to administer vaccines in an emergency. The registry may also include individuals who are not health care providers but who wish to volunteer to meet clerical and other support needs for volunteer vaccine administration efforts.

27 (3)(a) The authority shall use the registry to create groups of one or more volunteer health care providers and retired health care providers and as many clerical or other support volunteers as the authority determines necessary to meet the needs of each volunteer group.

30 (b) A volunteer group must include a group medical director who is a physician licensed

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1 under ORS chapter 677 to lead the group and be legally responsible for the actions of the
2 group in the administration of vaccines under this section. The medical director shall submit
3 to the authority documentation that the medical director holds malpractice insurance de-
4 termined sufficient by the authority for the purposes of leading the volunteer group.

5 (4) A volunteer group shall:

6 (a) Store and transport the vaccines to be used by the group in a manner appropriate to
7 the vaccine and vaccine administration.

8 (b) Report information about the administration of vaccines to the immunization registry
9 created under ORS 433.094, meet any relevant federal reporting requirements and comply
10 with the inventory reporting requirements established by the authority under subsection (7)
11 of this section.

12 (c) Administer the vaccines according to any authority and vaccine manufacturer proto-
13 cols.

14 (d) Administer the vaccines within expiration timelines.

15 (5) The authority shall assign a representative of the authority to serve as a contact
16 person for each volunteer group.

17 (6) The authority shall ensure that a volunteer group receives vaccines and any neces-
18 sary vaccine administration supplies on the same timeline as other entities in this state that
19 receive the same vaccine.

20 (7)(a) The authority shall adopt rules to carry out this section, including rules to estab-
21 lish vaccine inventory requirements for volunteer groups.

22 (b) In adopting rules under this section, the authority may consult as needed with the
23 Oregon Board of Dentistry, the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing
24 and the State Board of Pharmacy.

25 **SECTION 2.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.