

**SB 976 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure authorizes individuals without a veterinary medicine license to practice equine dentistry or cattle pregnancy verification services provided they have specific education to do so.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

Detailed Summary:

Authorizes individuals with a valid degree or certification in equine dentistry to practice, as well as those who have received training in cattle pregnancy verification to perform pregnancy verification services on cattle. Grants the Oregon Department of Agriculture to specify circumstances under which unlicensed individuals may practice equine dentistry or cattle pregnancy verification.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon Revised Statutes 686.020 and 686.040 authorize the following individuals to practice veterinary medicine:

- Licensed veterinary professionals in medicine, surgery, or dentistry.
- Authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture.
- Unlicensed representatives of livestock, cow-testing, or poultry associations who collect blood samples for disease testing, with Department of Agriculture authorization.
- Individuals permitted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate wildlife.
- Students, agents, or employees of educational or research institutions involved in relevant activities.

These statutes do not currently authorize individuals with training, degrees or certificates in veterinary medicine who do not hold a veterinary license to practice equine dentistry or cattle pregnancy determination.