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**To:** Capital Construction Subcommittee  
**From:** Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** June 16, 2025  
**Subject:** SB 976 – Relating to providing animal health care  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish by rule circumstances when individuals without a license to practice veterinary medicine who have received training in cattle pregnancy verification may perform verification services. Additionally, the measure requires individuals who are performing cattle pregnancy verification to report livestock diseases.

A task force on Equine Dentistry is created in the measure but is removed in the proposed —A5 amendment.

The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage with cattle pregnancy verification operative January 1, 2026, allowing time for rule making. Costs anticipated to implement the measure are minimal and absorbable with ODA's budget, SB 5502 (2025).

### **Amendment**

LFO recommends adoption of the —A5 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the —A5 amendment to SB 976. *(vote)*

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 976, as amended by the —A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 976, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

## Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: