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Bill Title: Relating to providing animal health care.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Medical Examining Board

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Agriculture	\$ 274,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,754	1	0.67
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 274,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,754	1	0.67

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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure modifies licensing and application requirements for practicing veterinary medicine by allowing individuals who have received training in cattle pregnancy verification to perform such services without a valid license from the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is directed to adopt rules specifying the circumstances under which unlicensed individuals may engage in these activities. These provisions take effect January 1, 2026.

The measure also establishes the Task Force on Equine Dentistry staffed by ODA. The five-member task force is directed to identify ways to improve access to equine dentistry in Oregon and must submit a report, including any legislative recommendations, to an interim legislative committee related to agriculture by December 15, 2025. The task force is repealed on December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$274,754 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Agriculture

ODA costs are estimated to be \$274,754 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium one-time to support a limited duration full-time District Veterinarian (0.67 FTE) to provide administrative support to the Task Force on Equine Dentistry and attend task force meetings to ensure a licensed veterinarian is available for consultation in the absence of the State Veterinarian. The position is budgeted to begin in September 2025 and continue until the task force is repealed on December 31, 2026, for position-related costs of \$209,754 General Fund. Additionally, there is \$15,000 to support the required report from the task force and meetings as required. The agency anticipates a minimum of five in-person meetings over the course of the authorized timeframe. All

appointments to the task force must be completed within 60 days of the measure's effective date, giving the task force approximately three months to submit the required report by December 15, 2025.

Rulemaking associated with the modified requirements to allow individuals who have received training in cattle pregnancy verification is anticipated to cost \$50,000 and is a one-time General Fund expense in the 2025-27 biennium.

Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board

The measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

Relevant Dates

The provisions related to licensing and application requirements for practicing veterinary medicine take effect on January 1, 2026.

The task force must submit a report to an interim legislative committee related to agriculture by December 15, 2025.

The Task Force on Equine Dentistry is repealed on December 31, 2026.

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.