

SB 42 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Campos, Patterson, Reynolds

Nays: 2 - Hayden, Linthicum

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$6,800,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Detailed Summary:

- Appropriates \$5,000,000 to OHA's Vaccine Access Program to purchase vaccines.
- Appropriates \$1,800,000 to OHA's Vaccine Access Program for operational expenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of vaccines.
- Existing vaccine access funds for children.
- Fiscal impact of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Immunization Program's Vaccine Access Program (VAP) allows providers to enroll to receive state-supplied vaccines to serve their patients. All vaccines are supplied at no cost, and providers code each dose of vaccine given to show the eligibility for that vaccine and that patient. Eligibility codes are used to send quarterly bills for patients who are insured, and the participating clinics do not need to purchase a separate stock of private vaccine for these patients. To ensure clinics are complying with program requirements, clinics enrolled in the VAP program receive a site visit within the first six months of enrolling and every 18-24 months following.

Senate Bill 42 A appropriates \$6,800,000 to Oregon's Vaccine Access Program to purchase vaccines and support program operational expenses.