

Corrected

Carrier: Rep. Owens

SB 1539 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Action Date: 02/25/26

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-1-2-0

Yeas: 8 - Boice, Cate, Helm, Levy B, McDonald, McLain, Munoz, Owens

Nays: 1 - Marsh

Exc: 2 - Hartman, Scharf

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes individuals without a veterinary medicine license to perform cattle pregnancy verification services until January 1, 2031, provided they have received relevant training. It authorizes the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board to establish by rule the circumstances under which such services may be provided by unlicensed individuals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mechanics of the sunset

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 who do not hold a veterinary license to practice cattle pregnancy determination.