2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 188 STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Add dentists to qualified recipients of Rural Health Services Program loan repayments.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Student Assistance Commission

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DATE: February 2, 2007

	<u>2007-2009</u>		<u>2009-2011</u>	
EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND: Personal Services	\$	23,340	\$	23,340
POSITIONS / FTE: Administrative Specialist 2		1 / 0.25		1 / 0.25

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: Among other provisions, the measure adds dentists to the health professionals eligible for Rural Health Services Program loan repayments administered by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC). Contingent on funding for program expansion in the legislatively adopted budget for 2007-09, the increase in participants is anticipated to require the addition of staff. The Governor's Recommended Budget contains a package to fund the expansion with \$600,000 General Fund for payments to health care professionals, and the necessary General Fund for the additional staff time. OSAC intends to use one new position proposed in the JOBS Plus Scholarship Initiative to cover this program as well.