

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Gelser, Richardson
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Meeting Dates:	4/2 (Access sub), 4/16 (Access sub), 4/20 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies requirements for licensure as denturist. Requires Oregon Health Licensing Agency (HLA) to issue a license to denturists who submit proof of meeting requirements for licensure by: 1) Providing transcripts verifying completion of an approved educational program; 2) Providing documentation of 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice; and 3) Passing written and practical examinations. Allows HLA to issue an Oregon denturists license to individual who has submitted appropriate fees and meets educational requirements. Exempts licensed denturists from District of Columbia, Canada or other territories of the United States from further examinations when the examinations in these jurisdictions are found to be substantially equivalent to Oregon's requirements. Exempts denturists who have passed an equivalent examination to Oregon requirements or who have worked full-time as a licensed denturists for a minimum of two years in another jurisdiction preceding the date of an application for an Oregon license.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Confusion surrounding current statutory language "satisfactory evidence"
- Current reciprocity requirements for denturists
- Canadian denturists educational and training requirements
- Reflects extensive deliberations by the Board of Denture Technology
- Growing need for denturists

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the Oregon Board of Denture Technology, denturists construct, repair, relin, reproduce, duplicate, supply, fit or alter removable prosthetic dental appliances, otherwise known as "dentures." Denturists may provide "full" dentures to replace complete sets of original teeth that are missing in the upper, lower or both sections of the mouth, or "partial" dentures, which fit sections of the mouth in which some of the original teeth remain. Denturists provide services independently and directly to the public in their own offices, in dental laboratories and businesses that specialize in denture services, and work in collaboration with dentists, orthodontists and oral surgeons to provide comprehensive dental services to patients.

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