

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies requirements for licensure as denturist. Requires Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) to issue a license to denturist who submits 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. Exempts denturists licensed in a state, the District of Columbia, Canada or a territory with equivalent licensing standards, denturists who have engaged in full-time active practice for at least two years preceding application submission and persons who have passed equivalent examinations, from the examination requirement.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Limited number of trained denturists in state
- Education and training requirements for denturists in Canada
- Current reciprocity requirements for denturists

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the Oregon Board of Denture Technology, denturists construct, repair, reline, 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.

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) was established by the Legislature in 1999 (HB 2465) to protect Oregon citizens from harm by setting, communicating and enforcing uniform regulatory standards for multiple health and related professions. OHLA currently regulates: athletic trainers, cosmetologists, denture technologists, direct entry midwives, respiratory therapists, environmental health specialists, electrologists, permanent color technicians, tattoo artists, hearing aid specialists and body piercers.