

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Garrard, Read, Smith G., Dingfelder
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Amends language in SB 704 (2007) to exempt dentists who are certified or recognized by September 1, 2008 as following best management guidelines to be exempt from the requirements of ORS 699.520 (1)(b)(c) and (d) until January 1, 2010. Dentists may be certified or recognized as following best management practices by a governmental entity that manages domestic wastewater treatment, operates an approved industrial pretreatment program, or manages private domestic on-site wastewater treatment systems.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- SB 704 (2007) provisions
- Deadline for dentists to install amalgam separators

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires all dentists who have been certified or recognized as following best management practices by September 1, 2008 to install and maintain amalgam separators by January 1, 2010.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2007 Legislative Assembly enacted SB 704, requiring dentists who use dental materials containing mercury to implement best management practices as developed by the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and to have an amalgam separator installed in a wastewater drain if materials containing mercury pass through the drain. Additionally, SB 704 provides dentists who are certified by a special district as following best management practices until January 1, 2011 to install an amalgam separator. This time allowance does not cover dentists who work with wastewater treatment facilities which are not special districts.