

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Girod, Nelson, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts dentists who are certified or recognized by September 1, 2008 as following best management guidelines from the mercury waste management 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. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- SB 704 (2007) provisions
- Need to extend exemption to dentists who are not covered by wastewater treatment facilities that are classified as special service districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 704 that requires 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, Senate Bill 704 allowed dentists who are certified by a special district as following best management practices an extension from amalgam separator installation requirements until January 1, 2011. This time allowance did not cover dentists who work with wastewater treatment facilities which are not classified as special districts.

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