

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 10 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Roxie Cuellar, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 4/13, 4/24 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies qualifications for limited access permit dental hygienist (LAP) authorized to practice dental hygiene without license. Requires 2,500 hours of supervised training, 40 hours of course work in formal, post-secondary accredited educational program, and 500 hours as dental hygiene practice on patients under the direct supervision of member of faculty of a dental program or dental hygiene program with required accreditation. Allows LAPS to render all services permitted under scope of practice of dental hygiene to patients in hospitals, medical clinics, medical offices or offices operated or staffed by nurse practitioners, physician assistants or midwives. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Supervision when LAP administers local anesthesia
- Optimal amount of training
- Rural areas underserved

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: There is currently a shortage of licensed dental hygienists. This bill would expand the ability of LAPs to provide dental hygiene treatments to underserved Oregonians, especially rural areas and those residents of limited financial means. The bill is intended to reduce some of the barriers that prevent LAPs from providing hygiene treatments to needy Oregonians.