

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3228

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to implement a program to distribute funds to school districts to provide preventive oral health care to students. Establishes the Oregon Oral Health Care Fund.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Analysis		

EFFECTIVE DATE: On Passage

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This measure directs the Department of Human Services (DHS), subject to availability of funds, to adopt rules to implement a program to distribute funds to school districts to provide preventive oral health care to students. The bill allows DHS to provide funds for (1) training for school administrators on techniques of fluoride varnish application; (2) reimbursement of the cost of employing or contracting with a dental hygienist or other qualified health professional to provide preventive oral health care to students; and (3) the cost of medications used in providing preventive oral health care to students. The bill establishes the Oregon Oral Health Care Fund and authorizes DHS to accept moneys from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this measure.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is concerned about broad language related to “subject to availability of funds” and a specific funding source is not currently identifiable. Note that moneys available to the agency not only includes the agency’s (un-obligated and obligated) cash funds, but also can be interpreted as funds generated from such actions as a fee increase, asset sale or borrowing, or the State’s General Fund.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Human Services if this bill passes is indeterminate at this time. The bill does not specify any eligibility criteria for the students to be served. The cost of providing training, reimbursement and cost of medications can vary greatly depending on the children population to be served and the interpretation of “medications used in providing preventive oral health care.”