

House Bill 3228

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services to implement program for training and certification of certain teachers, counselors and health assistants to apply fluoride varnishes to children's teeth. Appropriates moneys from General Fund for employees to train teachers, counselors and health assistants in fluoride varnish application.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to dental hygiene; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Elementary school" means a public, private, parochial, charter or alternative educational program offering kindergarten through grade 8 or any combination of those grades.

(b) "Oregon prekindergartens" has the meaning given that term in ORS 329.170.

(c) "Women, Infants and Children Program" means the program established in ORS 409.600.

(2)(a) The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Dentistry, shall adopt rules to implement an educational and training program that certifies teachers, counselors and health assistants serving elementary schools, the Women, Infants and Children Program, Oregon prekindergartens and federal Head Start grant recipients to apply fluoride varnishes to children's teeth.

(b) The rules adopted by the department under this subsection must include, but need not be limited to:

(A) Requirements for certification that include completion of a fluoride varnish certification class covering the etiology of tooth decay, the role of fluoride in caries prevention and the techniques of fluoride varnish application.

(B) A process for verification that any child who is to receive a fluoride varnish applied by a person certified under this section has had an oral health screening by a dentist or another person authorized to perform oral health screenings under ORS 680.172.

(C) A requirement that a person certified under this section may apply fluoride varnishes only at the location of the elementary school, Women, Infants and Children Program, Oregon prekindergarten program or federal Head Start grant recipient that employs the person.

(3) The department may establish by rule a fee for certification under the educational and training program described in this section. The fee must not exceed the amount necessary to cover the cost of conducting the program.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for the purpose of em-
2 ploying _____ full-time employees to train and certify teachers, counselors and health as-
3 sistants to apply fluoride varnishes to children's teeth under section 1 of this 2009 Act.

4 **SECTION 3.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
6 July 1, 2009.

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