2010 Special Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 1004 **STATUS:** Original **SUBJECT:** Revision of scope of practice of limited access dental hygienists

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Board of Dentistry

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EXPENDITURES: See Analysis

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed and approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

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: Senate Bill 1004 revises the scope of practice of limited access permit dental hygienists. Upon passage of this measure a limited access dental hygienist can provide interim therapeutic restorations to patients.

This measure has an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board). Current law states that only dentists can provide interim therapeutic restorations to patients. The Board is required to investigate all complaints regarding the inappropriate placement of restorations, permanent or temporary. The majority of the Board's enforcement budget is spent on this function. Due to the fact that this measure is expanding the scope of practice of limited access permit dental hygienists to include these functions, the Board expects to see an indeterminate rise its enforcement workload. The Board currently receives 300 complaints a year for a population of approximately 3,800 dentists that are currently able to do this type of work. There are currently approximately 80 limited access permit dental hygienists in the state that upon enactment of this legislation would experience and expanded scope of practice. The number of complaints that could be filed and the number of these complaints that would require an investigation is unknown.

There would be a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Board of Dentistry to update its rules. The Board could absorb this work using its existing resources.