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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends the definition of “denturist” and “practice of denture technology” to permit denturists to provide removable nonorthodontic dental appliances worn in the human mouth. Allows Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) to adopt rules to waive practical examination requirements, as well as to issue temporary licenses to practice denture technology.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Denturist education
- Separation in scopes of practice between dentists, denturists and respiratory therapists
- Future collaboration between OHLA and the Board of Dentistry on informed consent materials for teeth whitening

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Denturists are required to have completed a two year associate’s degree program which includes training and education in fitting devices including, but not limited to, teeth whitening trays, sleep apnea devices, partial and upper/lower dentures. Currently, the practice of denture technology limits a denturist to fitting prosthetic devices, which replace teeth in the human mouth.

Temporarily licensed denturists complete an associate’s degree in denture technology followed by a 1000-hour hands-on practical training program with a qualified supervisor. Upon completion of education and training, an individual must take a board-approved written and practical examination. Currently, the written exam is computer based and can be taken any time at the OHLA. The practical examination is given once a year due to the cost and number of individuals qualified to take the practical exam.