

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Parrish, Weidner, Thompson
Nays: Greenlick
Exc.: Kennemer
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Meeting Dates: 3/28, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases penalty for practicing dentistry without license to five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent events of unlicensed dentist's in Gresham, OR
- Current limitations on Oregon Board of Dentistry
- Elevating the practice of dentistry without a license to a felony, currently a misdemeanor
- Number of complaints
- Comparison of Class A misdemeanor versus Class C felony
- Current ability to levy fines

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry (the Board) is to protect the public by assuring that the citizens of Oregon receive the highest possible quality oral health care; and the goals of the Board are to protect the public from unsafe, incompetent or fraudulent practitioners and to encourage licensees to practice safely and competently in the best interests of their patients.

Currently, practicing dentistry without a license is a Class A misdemeanor, House Bill 3230 increases that violation to a Class C felony.