

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Judiciary

**Vote:** 3 - 0 - 2

**Yeas:** Bates, Shields, Monnes Anderson

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Kruse, Morse

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/11

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Penalties for practicing medicine without a license
- Potential discriminatory effect of penalties
- Rise in number of complaints received by the Oregon Board of Dentistry
- Case examples
- Disincentive to pursue cases based on penalty level
- Potential fiscal impact

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) is to protect the public by assuring that the citizens of Oregon receive the highest possible quality oral health care. The Board aims 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 designation to a Class C felony.