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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies statutes governing practice of dentistry and dental hygiene by volunteers to include provisions for visiting dentists licensed in another state. Clarifies that expanded practice dental hygienists are permitted to provide services to populations and locations that Oregon Board of Dentistry determines are underserved or lack access to dental hygiene services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Additional changes necessary for massage therapists
- Concerns with Sections 20-22 bill language
- Additional concerns with dental hygienists language
- Proposed amendments
- Mission of Mercy efforts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) hosts the Mission of Mercy event that provides over a million dollars of free dental care to thousands of patients. In 2012, the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD), with guidance from the Attorney General, informed the OBD that they do not have the authority to grant temporary licenses to out of state dentists or hygienists who want to participate in this event. Senate Bill 1509-A grants authority to OBD to allow out-of-state dentists or hygienists, in good standing with their home state licensing board, to volunteer their time for a specified amount of time each year in Oregon.

Additionally, Senate Bill 738 (2011) inadvertently deleted language that caused the OBD to restrict the practices of Extended Practice Dental Hygienists (EPDHs) in rural locations. Senate Bill 1509-A restores the language and clarifies that EPDHs will be allowed to practice in areas that have been designated as dental shortage areas under state or federal law.

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