

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Atkinson, Beyer, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies statutes governing practice of dentistry and dental hygiene by volunteers to include provisions for visiting dentists and dental hygienists licensed in another state. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proposed amendment
- Ability for out of state dentists and hygienists to participate in Mission of Mercy events

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes language permitting extended practice dental hygienists to provide services in areas that are federally designated health professional shortage areas populations. Removes language permitting extended practice dental hygienists to provide services in locations that Oregon Board of Dentistry determines are underserved or lack access to dental hygiene services.

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 OBD that they do not have the authority to grant temporary licenses to out of state dentists or dental hygienists who want to participate in this event. Senate Bill 1509-B 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.