

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Repeals provision authorizing Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to approve pilot projects for training and certifying community dental health coordinators to educate underserved communities on dental health. Requires OHA terminate any projects approved under previous provision by January 1, 2014. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Limitations of SB 738 (2011)
- Existing statutes authorizing dental pilot projects

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

**BACKGROUND:** In 2011, Senate Bill 738 was enacted, which allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to approve pilot projects by the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to low-access populations. One of these provisions allows OHA to approve pilot projects for training and certifying community dental health coordinators (CDHCs) to provide clinical services and education to these underserved communities. The language in the bill allowed CDHCs to “educate.” A recent review by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) determined that the language precluded CDHCs from engaging in the necessary clinical components. Additionally, the AAG determined that existing statutes authorized ODA to run dental pilot projects.

House Bill 2947 repeals the ineffective provisions related to CDHCs.

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