

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/29

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of CDHC
- Limitations of terminology “to educate” on CDHC
- No impact to pilot project implementation
- Legislative history (SB 738, 2011)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 738 (2011) 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 the provisions allows OHA to approve pilot projects for training and certifying community dental health coordinators (CDHCs) to provide clinical services and education to the underserved communities. The language in the bill allows 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 unnecessary language relating to CDHCs.