77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 548

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Rep. Kennemer

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Tyler Larson, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that dental instructor's license or dental hygiene instructor's license is restricted to practice for or on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Construction of new Collaborative Life Sciences Building
- Expansion of dental education program
- Use of "campus" in current statute may be limited to Marquam Hill campus

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the Oregon Dental Practice Act (ORS 679) uses the term "campus" as it relates to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and dental instructors. The term "campus" is not currently defined and may be restrictive as OHSU expands the dental education program.

The proponents assert that it is necessary to clarify the statute prior to the planned 2014 relocation of the School of Dentistry operations to the new OHSU//OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building. Senate Bill 548 resolves this issue by allowing instructors to practice for or on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University, rather than limiting the practice to a specific location.