

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/11, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires dentist to test autoclave or other heat sterilization device at least once per week. Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to dismiss disciplinary matter that is pending on effective date of Act if matter concerns whether dentist tested autoclave or other heat sterilization device less frequently than once per week. Directs Board to remove name of licensee posted anywhere on Board's website in connection with that disciplinary action. Creates liability protection for Oregon Health and Science University. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current spore testing protocol and procedures
- Review of Oregon Health and Science University certificate
- Review of the Center for Disease Control guidelines
- Recent Board investigations
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs Board to remove name of licensee posted anywhere on Board's website in connection with disciplinary action before the effective date of the bill. Prohibits disciplined dentist from taking legal action against the entity that verified the test, including the Oregon Health and Science University.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) is to protect the public by assuring that Oregonians receive the highest possible quality oral health care. The OBD has required that dental office sterilizers be monitored weekly since 2004. Additionally, the Board requires retention of the weekly records for the current year, plus the two previous years. The Board has recently started to request the spore testing records when they receive a sterilizer-related complaint.