

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

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

Nays: 0

Exc.: Weidner

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires dentist to test, at least weekly, autoclave or other heat sterilization device. Directs the Oregon Board of Dentistry to dismiss disciplinary matter that is pending on effective date of this Act if the matter concerns whether the dentist tested the autoclave or other heat sterilization device less frequently than weekly. Directs the Board, with respect to licensee who the Board disciplined for autoclave or heat sterilization device testing less than weekly, to remove the licensee's name from website where the name is posted in connection with such disciplinary action and to pay licensee amount equal to any civil penalty imposed by the Board pursuant to such action. Specifies that the disciplined licensee may not bring cause of action against the entity that tested the licensee's device on grounds related to that testing. Declare emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of weekly autoclave and spore testing procedure
- Oregon Health and Science University certification
- Recent Board investigations
- Narrow focus of bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to protect the public by assuring that Oregonians receive the highest possible quality oral health care. The Board 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.