

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Specifies that dental instructors' license applicant must complete advanced dental education program from accredited school.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Board of Dentistry issues dental instructors' licenses. Applicants for dental instructor licenses must present evidence of being a full-time instructor of dentistry engaged in dental activities, including participation in a faculty practice plan, with employment at Oregon Health Sciences University. The applicant must either be a graduate of an accredited dental school or have a certificate or degree in an accredited, advanced dental education program of at least two years duration from an accredited dental school, be licensed to practice dentistry, hold an instructor's or faculty license to practice dentistry, pass exams and be certified by the national certifying body. The law specifies that a license issued based on successful completion of an accredited dental education program is restricted to that specialty in which the dentist was trained. Until recently, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) did not accredit individual oral medicine programs but instead accredited the school. For the individuals that graduated when CODA accredited schools (not programs), the Board of Dentistry cannot license them for their specialty.