

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/2, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that dental hygienists with expanded practice dental hygiene permits must enter into a collaborative agreement in order to conduct dental risk assessments and referral parameters. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access challenges to dental care
- Language is confusing because all dental hygienists with or without extended practice permits are allowed to make assessments and referrals
- Clarification on risk and referral parameters criteria is to be established by the dentist in agreement
- Covering the right services, at the right time, by the right provider

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -3 Amendment: Adds that dental hygiene includes prediagnostic risk assessment. Specifies that unless different criteria for referral of patient or resident to dentist are included in an agreement between dental hygienist and dentists, at least once each year an expanded practice dental hygienist shall refer each patient available to treat patient or resident. Restores language stating that dental risk assessment and referral parameters are part of agreements between dentists and expanded practice dental hygienists.

BACKGROUND: The Expanded Practice Dental Hygiene permit (ORS 680.205), which is issued by the Board of Dentistry, is available to dental hygienists with an unrestricted Oregon license. A hygienist with this permit must enter into a collaborative agreement with a dentist in order to render certain services such as administering local anesthesia. Hygienists with this permit must also enter into collaborative agreements in order to conduct dental risk assessments and make referrals, but all dental hygienists are permitted to conduct dental risk assessments and make referrals (ORS 679.010).

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