

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2972 – A4

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Measure Description:

Requires public school students seven years of age or younger who are beginning educational program to have dental screening.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), school districts

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2972 with the – A4 amendment mandates education providers to require students, seven years or younger, to submit certification that the student received a dental screening within the previous 12 months. This certification must be submitted not later than 120 days after the student begins the educational program. The – A4 amendment requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority Dental Director, develop standardized information on dental screenings, further exams or treatment and preventative care (use of fluoride, sealants, and daily brushing/flossing) for distribution by education providers. The amendment also requires ODE provide or approve dental screening trainings for district employees. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

ODE estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$185,682 General Fund and 0.50 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium; and \$161,761 General Fund and 0.50 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount includes Personal Services for one part-time Education Specialist 2 position to develop material and provide dental training and consultation to education providers statewide. The bill requires each school district to submit, by October 1st each year, to the Oregon Department of Education, a report that identifies the percentage of students required to submit certifications for the previous school year. ODE must summarize these reports from school districts and submit the summary report to an interim legislative committee by December 1st each year. The fiscal impact also includes meeting costs to convene stakeholders to adopt standards for carrying out the requirements of this bill, contract costs for the report to the Legislature, and staff time.

Schools and School Districts

At this time, the fiscal impact of this bill to schools and school districts is indeterminate. The bill requires each school district to submit, by October 1st each year, to the Oregon Department of Education a report that identifies the percentage of students required to submit dental certifications for the previous school year. In addition, the bill requires early learning education providers to collect and file records of certifications of dental screenings and any results of dental screenings known by the education provider for students seven years or younger who are beginning educational programs. The bill also requires schools to provide parents and guardians with information about dental screenings, examinations,

treatments and preventative care. Schools and districts will incur staffing costs to carry out this work and the cost of storing the collected data, as well as the cost of printing and distribution of information about dental screenings, examinations, treatments and preventative care.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD)

The bill directs ODE to consult with the OHA, and the Oregon Board of Dentistry to carry out the provisions of this bill. This fiscal assumes OHA and OBD will use existing staff and resources to provide assistance.