

SB 660

Relating to providing dental services to children

SB 660 directs the Oregon Health Authority to expand the screening and provision of dental sealants to student populations who attend an elementary or middle school in which at least 40% of students are eligible to receive assistance under the USDA National School Lunch Program.

In addition, the bill directs OHA to develop a plan for transitioning schools served directly by OHA to receiving the services from local dental sealant programs. OHA is required to assist schools in making this transition, as well as to establish by rule procedures and qualifications for the certification and oversight of local dental sealant programs to ensure quality services are being provided.

The amendment reflects the Subcommittee's recommendation of a \$200,000 General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Health Authority for the establishment of a full-time position (1.00 FTE) in the Oral Health Program to plan and implement the transition of schools served directly by OHA to local dental sealant programs. As schools transition to local dental sealant programs, OHA would then use existing staff and resources to reach additional eligible schools and student populations not yet serviced.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 660 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.