

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

MEASURE: SB 474
CARRIER: Sen. Gelser

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/17/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/10, 02/17

Senate

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Olsen, Monnes Anderson, Kruse

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits existing dental clinics for special needs children to be operated by charitable corporations, as specified. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other alternatives considered
- Need for clinic to remain “unowned” or else operate at a loss
- Population served and types of services provided
- Support of Oregon Dental Association

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Providence Specialty Pediatric Dental Clinic is owned by a nonprofit corporation. It serves approximately 1400 children with developmental, medical, and behavioral disabilities. Diagnoses range from autism spectrum disorders, to cerebral palsy, to Down Syndrome, to anxiety disorders, and includes children who are medically fragile; however, current law generally requires that dental clinics be owned by dentists, not by nonprofit corporations.

Senate Bill 474 provides an exception to the requirement that dentists own dental clinics, in order to permit a specialized clinic, owned by a charitable corporation, to continue to serve children with special needs.