

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 692**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Kim To
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Date: 3/16/2015**Measure Description:**

Removes sunset on ability of Oregon Health Authority to approve dental pilot projects.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	185,072	262,084
Services & Supplies	49,980	60,011
Total General Fund	\$235,052	\$322,095
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.13	1.50

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:

Senate Bill 692 repeals the January 2, 2018 sunset on statutes permitting the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The bill does not contain an emergency clause, and takes effect on January 1, 2016.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have a budgetary and staffing impact on the Oregon Health Authority. In removing the sunset date, this bill makes permanent the Dental Pilot Project established by SB 743 (2011). This 2011 legislation permitted OHA to approve pilot dental projects subject to available funding. OHA received no permanent funding or position authority to carry out this work. During the 2014 Legislative Session, one-time funding of \$100,000 General Fund was appropriated to OHA to begin work on this project. In March 2014, the Dental Pilot Program Coordinator limited duration position was established. Between September 2014 and March 2015, the Dental Pilot Program Coordinator convened many stakeholders and consulted with other state pilot programs to develop Oregon's Dental Pilot Program. The pilot program includes application, review and approval, monitoring, and evaluation. The program will begin accepting pilot project applications April 1, 2015.

However, no funding for the program is included in the 2015-17 budget. To make this program permanent, OHA would need to establish two permanent positions: One full-time Dental Pilot Program Coordinator to coordinate the development of request for proposals and administer contracts for dental pilot projects, and one part-time Research Analyst 3 to develop data collection standards and evaluation measures for dental pilot projects. OHA estimates the administrative cost for the program to be

\$235,052 General Fund (1.13 FTE) for the 2015-17 biennium, and \$262,084 General Fund (1.50 FTE) for the 2017-19 biennium.

Note that because the bill does not contain an emergency clause, this fiscal impact is priced assuming the program implementation date of January 1, 2016, creating a funding gap for the continuation of the Dental Pilot Project program.

This bill requires budgetary action in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for the allocation of General Fund and position authorization.