

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 673**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Permits licensed dentists to administer certain immunizations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

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 673 directs the Oregon Board of Dentistry to adopt rules to allow dentists the authority to administer certain vaccines. The bill expands the definition of authorized users for Oregon's Statewide Immunization Registry, ALERT Immunization Information System (ALERT IIS), to include dentist.

As written, the bill has minimal fiscal impact to the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The Public Health Immunization Program in OHA will use existing staff and reprioritize resources to add users and data submitter for ALERT II, and to provide ongoing training and support to immunizing dentists. The Oregon Board of Dentistry will use existing staff and resources to write rules.

The Oregon Health Authority reports that dentists are not on the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) list of approved provider types for enrollment into the federal Vaccines for Children program. OAR 410-130-0255 prohibits the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) from reimbursing providers for providing vaccines to Medicaid-enrolled children unless the provider is enrolled in the Vaccines for Children program. Under the current administrative rule, the 52 percent of children and adolescents in Oregon who receive vaccine through the Vaccines for Children program would not be able to be vaccinated by dentists.