

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2972 - A

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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 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 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 \$16,941 General Fund for the 2015-17 biennium. The bill directs the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Oregon Health Policy Board and the Oregon Board of Dentistry, to adopt standards for implementing the provisions of this bill. The bill requires each school district to submit, by October 1, 2017, to the Oregon Department of Education a report that identifies the percentage of students required to submit certifications for the 2016-17 school year. ODE must summarize these reports from school districts and submit the summary report to an interim legislative committee by December 1, 2017. The fiscal impact 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 1, 2017, to the Oregon Department of Education a report that identifies the percentage of students required to submit dental certifications for the 2016-17 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 Oregon Health Policy Board, 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.