

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 2 - Clem, Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines dental hygiene to include “prediagnostic risk assessment.” Specifies that unless different criteria is included in a collaborative agreement between an expanded practice dental hygienist and dentist, at least once each year, the expanded practice dental hygienist must refer patient or resident to a dentist that is available to treat the patient.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarification needed for collaborative agreements
- Need for flexibility between dentist and expanded practice dental hygienist
- Access to appropriate dental care
- Expanded Practice Dental Hygiene permit

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Expanded Practice Dental Hygiene permits (ORS 680.205), issued by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, are available to dental hygienists with an unrestricted Oregon license. A hygienist with this permit may provide all services within the scope of dental hygiene, without the supervision of a dentist. The hygienist and dentist must enter into a collaborative agreement in order to render certain services, such as administration of local anesthesia, prescribing certain drugs and conducting dental risk assessments and referral parameters. Senate Bill 301-A clarifies that all dental hygienists are permitted to conduct prediagnostic risk assessments. It also specifies parameters for referrals to dentists in a collaborative agreement.