

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that a dental instructor's license issued to a specialist be restricted to the specialty for which the applicant completed their advanced dental education program. Clarifies that a dental instructor either be a graduate of an accredited dental school or has a certificate or degree showing successful completion of an advanced dental education program from an accredited dental school.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current limitations of statutory language
- Board of Dentistry restrictions
- Dental advanced degree programs and accredited schools
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that a dental instructor either be a graduate of an accredited dental school or has a certificate or degree showing successful completion of an advanced dental education program from an accredited dental school.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Dentistry issues dental instructors' licenses under ORS 679.115. Applicants for dental instructor licenses must be full-time instructors of dentistry engaged in dental activities, including participation in a faculty practice plan with employment at Oregon Health and Science University. Applicants must either be graduates of an accredited dental school, or if the school is not accredited, they must have a certificate or degree from an accredited dental education program. Oregon law further specifies that the license issued must be based on successful completion of an accredited dental program, which is restricted to the specialty in which the dentist was trained. Until recently, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) did not accredit individual oral medicine programs but instead accredited the school. For dentists that graduated when CODA accredited only schools (not programs), the Board of Dentistry cannot license them for their specialty.