

Enrolled
Senate Bill 672

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, STEINER HAYWARD; Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER (at the request of Oregon Dental Association)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to state dental director; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall appoint a dental director who serves at the pleasure of the authority. The authority may establish by rule additional qualifications for the dental director. The dental director:

- (a) Must be a dentist licensed to practice under ORS chapter 679;
- (b) Must be in good standing with the Oregon Board of Dentistry or with the dental licensing board of another state if the dental director is not licensed by the board; and
- (c) Shall oversee programs operated by the authority that increase access to oral health services, preventative oral health activities and other authority initiatives that address oral health disparities in this state.

(2) The dental director shall:

- (a) Provide recommendations and guidance to the authority and other state agencies, individuals and community providers on how to prevent oral diseases and measures to take to improve, promote and protect the oral health of the residents of this state, with a focus on reducing oral health disparities among underserved populations;
- (b) Make recommendations and submit a report on the topics listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection to the appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 not later than March 15, 2016;
- (c) Monitor, study and appraise the oral health needs and resources of residents of this state;
- (d) Foster the development, expansion and evaluation of oral health services for residents of this state;
- (e) Provide information concerning oral health to the dental and health communities and the public;
- (f) Develop policies to promote oral health in this state; and
- (g) Develop programs, policies and preventive measures to positively impact oral health in this state.

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by Senate April 29, 2015

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Approved:

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State