

# Senate Bill 672

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes office of oral health within Oregon Health Authority to study and support oral health of citizens of this state.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to appoint state dental director to oversee office of oral health.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to state dental director.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the Oregon Health Authority an office of oral**  
5 **health. The office will:**

6 (a) **Provide recommendations and guidance to the authority and other state agencies,**  
7 **individuals and community providers on how to prevent oral diseases and measures to take**  
8 **to improve, promote and protect the oral health of the citizens of this state, with a focus**  
9 **on reducing oral health disparities of underserved populations;**

10 (b) **Make recommendations and submit a report on the topics listed in paragraph (a) of**  
11 **this subsection to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 not later**  
12 **than September 15, 2016;**

13 (c) **Monitor, study and appraise the oral health needs and resources of this state;**

14 (d) **Foster the development, expansion and evaluation of oral health services for the cit-**  
15 **izens of this state;**

16 (e) **Provide information and education concerning oral health to the dental and health**  
17 **communities and the public;**

18 (f) **Promote, monitor, evaluate and provide technical assistance to population-based**  
19 **dental programs;**

20 (g) **Develop policies to promote oral health; and**

21 (h) **Develop programs, policies and preventative measures to impact oral health.**

22 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority shall appoint a dental director who serves at the**  
23 **pleasure of the authority. The authority may establish by rule additional qualifications for**  
24 **the dental director. The dental director:**

25 (a) **Must be a dentist licensed to practice under ORS chapter 679;**

26 (b) **Must be in good standing with the Oregon Board of Dentistry;**

27 (c) **Shall oversee programs operated by the authority that increase access to oral health**  
28 **services, preventative oral health activities and other authority initiatives that address oral**  
29 **health disparities in this state; and**

30 (d) **Shall oversee the office of oral health established by subsection (1) of this section.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

