

SB 966 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires individuals licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) to test autoclaves or other health sterilization devices at least once per work. Authorizes the Oregon Board of Dentistry to adopt rules to implement the measure. Takes effect, January 1, 2018.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that all critical and semi-critical dental instruments should be sterilized after each use by steam under pressure (autoclaving), dry heat, or chemical vapor. Sterilization is used to kill bacteria, viruses, fungi, and spores that may pose a health risk to individuals. In 2014, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 1519 requiring dentists to test any autoclave or other heat sterilization device that is used by the dentist at least once per week (ORS 679.535). Senate Bill 966 extends current sterilization requirements in Oregon to any dental professional licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.