

HB 3353 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires a school district that is conducting a dental screening on an entire class to provide a written notice with an opportunity for the parents to opt out of the screening. Takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Review of the dental screening packet distribution process
- Advantages of conducting dental screenings at schools
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 660, which directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to expand the screening and provision of dental sealants to appropriate student populations who attend elementary schools or middle schools where at least 40 percent of all students are eligible to receive assistance under the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program. Additionally, the measure directed OHA to develop a plan for transitioning schools served directly by OHA to receive the services from local dental sealant programs, to assist schools in making this transition, as well as adopting rules for procedures and qualifications for the certification, recertification and oversight of the local dental sealant programs.