

SB 561 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits students of dentistry and dental hygiene to perform under indirect supervision of faculty in specific community-based or clinical settings. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the word "direct" with "indirect" to conform with the intent of SB 561.

BACKGROUND:

The American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is the accrediting agency for dental education programs in the United States. CODA's accreditation standards for dental hygiene programs and pre-doctoral programs do not prescribe student to faculty ratios for dentistry programs. The ratio of students to supervising faculty depends on procedure, skill level, patient condition, complexity and other factors.

Senate Bill 561 permits Oregon accredited dental education programs to allow indirect supervision of students by faculty members.