

**SB 561 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Girod

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/21/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 4-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson  
**Exc:** 1 - Steiner Hayward  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the word direct with indirect omitted in original drafting.

**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. Currently, Oregon students of dentistry and dental hygiene are required to have direct supervision by a faculty member with Oregon Health and Sciences University or another accredited Oregon education program.

Senate Bill 561-A changes the current direct supervision requirement to indirect supervision of students of dentistry and dental hygiene by faculty members.