

SB 966 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Hayden

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/08/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 2 - Buehler, Hack

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires any dental professional who uses autoclave or other heat sterilization device to test device at least once per week.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current sterilization procedure
- Extends the requirement to licensed dental professional staff

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 to any dental professional licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.