

SB 561 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Hayden

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/08/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory requirements relating to the supervision of dentistry students
- Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry current supervising ratio
- Various training environments that require flexibility
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds expanded practice dental hygienist students.

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-B changes the current direct supervision requirement to indirect supervision of students of dentistry, dental hygiene and expanded practice dental hygiene by faculty members.