

**SB 824 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/13, 4/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) to accept examination results of applicant's fitness to practice dentistry from board-recognized testing agencies. Removes limitation that the Board only accept results from regional testing agencies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Challenges of live, human testing requirement
- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) use and endorsement

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Clarifies Board acceptance of tests and examinations.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Board of Dentistry's (Board) mission is to promote high quality oral health care in the State of Oregon by equitably regulating dental professionals. The Board is the second oldest licensing board in Oregon. As of July 2018, the Board licenses 3,794 dentists (of whom approximately 705 are specialists) and 4,369 dental hygienists.

Senate Bill 824 requires the Board of Dentistry accept examination results of applicant's fitness to practice dentistry from board-recognized testing agencies.