

SB 835 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows dentists to advertise practice in one or more speciality areas of dentistry under specified conditions. Authorizes the Oregon Board of Dentistry to adopt rules. Becomes operative on January 1, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current legal uncertainty

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies program length requirements.

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.

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