

SB 824 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) to accept examination results of applicant's fitness to practice dentistry from regional and national testing agencies. Allows the Board to accept the results of Board-recognized testing agencies for specified applicants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Deletes reference allowing written examinations be supplemented by oral examination. Replaces reference to "practice of dentistry" with "practice of dental hygiene."

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No expenditure impact.

BACKGROUND:

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

Senate Bill 824-A requires the Board to accept examination results of regional and national testing agencies and allows the Board to accept the results of Board-recognized testing agencies for specified applicants.

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 29; Excused, 1.