



HB 4127 – Youth Oral Health

Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee

The well being of children should be of the highest interest of everyone in Oregon. This bill has a sensible approach to helping ensure that our youth have education about and access to dental health.

The bill allows 5 years before a school district must implement the dental health education portion of the program but does not prevent school districts from earlier adoption.

The pilot program includes both rural and urban projects.

The importance of healthy teeth for student success has been proven. Children who are in pain do not learn well.

Creative school districts might also engage the parent teacher organizations and other community partners in reinforcing school education by engaging the parents as well.

OWRC supports full implementation of HB 4127.

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