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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2020

Subject: HB 4127 – Relating to oral health in schools
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4127 requires each school district to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health for students in kindergarten through grade 12 as of July 1, 2025. To enable school districts to comply with this requirement, the State Board of Education must adopt any necessary health education content standards by September 1, 2024.

The bill requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs through the deployment of up to four community dental health coordinators throughout the state. To fund the pilot program, OHA is required to seek funding from public and private sources of revenue for deposit into the new Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund. The pilot program is operative on January 1, 2022 if the balance in the Fund is at least \$200,000. The pilot program and Fund sunset on June 30, 2025.

The measure includes an emergency clause and takes effect upon passage.

The bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact in 2019-21 for OHA because the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program is not operative until January 1, 2022 and only if at least \$200,000 is available in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund. Depending on the number of community dental health coordinators deployed, the expected cost in 2021-23 is approximately \$1 million Other Funds and one full-time position. This estimated cost assumes no General Fund will be requested or authorized to implement the program. The bill is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Education, school districts, and State Board of Education is expected to be minimal.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends HB 4127 to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4127 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____