

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4127

Relating to oral health in schools

HB 4127 requires each school district to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health for students in kindergarten through grade 12 starting July 1, 2025. To enable school districts to achieve this, the State Board of Education is required to adopt any necessary health education standards.

The bill also requires the Oregon Health Authority 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 across the state. To fund the pilot program, OHA will seek funding from gifts, grants, or other contributions from public and private sources. The program becomes operative on January 1, 2022 if OHA collects at least \$200,000 in funding and will sunset on June 30, 2025. The bill has no fiscal impact in the 2019-21 biennium. The fiscal impact in 2021-23 will depend on the level of revenue collected by OHA to support the program.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 4127 be reported out do pass.