

**SB 1550 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Linthicum**Senate Committee On Health Care****Action Date:** 02/04/20**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Brian Nieubuurt, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/4**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows expanded practice dental hygienists to perform interim therapeutic restorations after diagnosis by a dentist. Defines "interim therapeutic restoration." Requires that authorization to perform interim therapeutic restorations be included in agreement between expanded practice hygienist and supervising dentist. Requires Oregon Board of Dentistry to utilize curriculum, training protocols, and learning outcomes through Oregon Health Authority's dental pilot project program in adopting rules. Grandfathers expanded practice dental hygienists currently practicing under a dental pilot project to continue to perform interim therapeutic restorations until rules are adopted. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Health prevention shortage designation in Oregon
- Prevalence of child tooth decay in Oregon
- Pilot project results
- Training requirements for dental hygienists

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Adds requirement that dentist diagnosis precede performance of an interim therapeutic restoration by expanded practice dental hygienist. Adds requirement that Oregon Board of Dentistry utilize curriculum, training protocols, and learning outcomes through Oregon Health Authority's dental pilot project program in adopting rules. Grandfathers expanded practice dental hygienists currently practicing under a dental pilot project to continue to perform interim therapeutic restorations until rules are adopted. Clarifies training completion requirements.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 738 (2011) authorized the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to approve pilot projects encouraging the development of innovative practices in oral health delivery focusing on populations that have the highest disease rates and least access to dental care. OHA's Dental Pilot Project #200 (Training Dental Hygienists to Place Interim Therapeutic Restorations) was approved in June 2017. The pilot project allowed expanded practice dental hygienists to implement telehealth-connected oral health teams to reach children who have not been receiving dental care on a regular basis and to provide community-based dental diagnostic, prevention and early intervention services, including utilization of interim therapeutic restorations when indicated by the supervising dentist.

Senate Bill 1550-A implements the interim therapeutic restoration authorization allowed by Pilot Project #200.