

HB 2969 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health beginning July 1, 2025. Requires State Board of Education to adopt related health education content standards. Prohibits Oregon Health Authority from reducing global budget or denying reimbursement for costs claimed by coordinated care organization related to improving access for students to school-based oral health services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes reference to grades K through 12. Requires standards to specify grades in which instruction is provided.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's current health content standards for Kindergarten through 12th grade do not contain any references to oral or dental health. House Bill 2969 directs the State Board of Education to add oral health standards into the health content standards and requires school districts to provide instruction in oral health.