

SB 412 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires dental laboratories to maintain active registration and pay an annual fee to the State of Oregon’s Health Licensing Office (HLO). Requires each laboratory to identify a qualified employee who is a dentist or who is certified or applying for certification as a dental laboratory technician. Directs dental laboratories to make available the material content of each product in a format that may be entered into the patient record. Provides the HLO with authority to make rules and impose discipline for violations of registration requirements. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Dental laboratories manufacture products specified in work orders and used for treatment by licensed dentists. The materials used in these products are subject to regulation by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (21 CFR Part 872). While national certification programs exist, certification is not required for laboratory technicians who manufacture products for licensed dentists.

The National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology certifies dental laboratory technicians upon completion of written and practical examinations. The State of Oregon's Health Licensing Office (HLO), part of the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division, is a central licensing and regulatory office that oversees multiple health and related professions.

Senate Bill 412 requires dental laboratories to maintain active registration with the Health Licensing Office, identifying a qualified employee who is a dentist or certified as a dental laboratory technician.