

HB 3007 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/13, 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish Oral Health Advisory Committee (Committee) to make recommendations on matters related to public oral health. Specifies membership of Committee. Directs OHA to establish Office of Oral Health to promote evidence-based oral health disease prevention and treatment. Clarifies qualifications and responsibilities of dental director, including oversight of the Office of Oral Health. Requires dental director to publish on website and submit to Legislative Assembly annual oral health summary surveillance report and specifies report content. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dental director position and vacancy
- Need for coordinated state oral health plan and dissemination of data
- Benefits of formalizing existing oral health advisory committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 672 requiring the Oregon Health Authority to appoint a dental director and charging the dental director with responsibilities related to increasing oral health access in the state, including:

- Providing recommendations and guidance on how to prevent oral diseases and measures to take to improve, promote, and protect the oral health of the residents of this state, with a focus on reducing oral health disparities among underserved populations;
- Monitoring, studying, and appraising the oral health needs and resources of Oregon residents;
- Fostering the development, expansion, and evaluation of oral health services;
- Providing information regarding oral health to the public and health care communities;
- Developing policies to promote oral health; and
- Developing programs, policies, and preventive measures to positively impact oral health in the state.

House Bill 3007 would modify the responsibilities of the dental director and require the Oregon Health Authority to establish an Office of Oral Health and Oral Health Advisory Committee.