

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3223 - 1**

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**Measure Description:**

Prohibits Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring applicant for certification as dental assistant to pass written examination.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Board of Dentistry

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are expected to be minimal - see analysis.

**Analysis:**

The measure prohibits the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) from requiring dental assistants or, any type of expanded dental assistants to pass a written examination which, would require OBD to establish alternative methods of certification for dental assistants or any type of expanded function dental assistants.

Additionally, the measure provides minimum requirements for certification and, grants OBD the authority for additional rulemaking. The amendment requires applicants who choose an alternative method of certification to provide a written attestation from a licensed dentist who verifies certification requirements have been met. The measure prohibits OBD from requiring more than one method of certification and applies to all certifications for dental assistants submitted after the measure effective date. The measure is effective on the 91st day following sine die.

OBD anticipates the fiscal impact of the measure to be \$20,000 Other Funds for the 2023-25 biennium. OBD reports that the measure will require at least four additional board meetings to implement the work if the measure becomes law. The total cost of the measure includes \$8,000 Other Funds for board member per diem, \$7,000 Other Funds for the additional workload that would be consumed by overtime eligible staff, and \$5,000 Other Funds for Attorney General fees for consultation and guidance on rulemaking.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that these costs can be absorbed within current resources.