

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: SB 662
CARRIER: Sen. Girod

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/16/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/16

Vote:
Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes reference to accreditation of dental programs. Specifies that dental instructors' license applicants must complete advanced dental education program from accredited school, and dental instructors' license is restricted to advanced dental education program in which the dentist is trained.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previously Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited schools, not individual programs
- Oregon Health and Science University could not grant faculty license to graduate of University of Washington because the program was not accredited separately at time of graduation
- Would permit only dental school in state to hire appropriate faculty

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Dentistry issues dental instructors' licenses under ORS 679.115. Applicants for dental instructor licenses must be full-time instructors of dentistry engaged in dental activities, including participation in a faculty practice plan with employment at Oregon Health and Science University. Applicants must either be graduates of an accredited dental school, or if the school is not accredited, they must have a certificate or degree in an accredited dental education program. Oregon law further specifies that the license issued must be based on successful completion of an accredited dental program, which is restricted to the specialty in which the dentist was trained. Until recently, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) did not accredit individual oral medicine programs but instead accredited the school. For dentists that graduated when CODA accredited only schools (not programs), the Board of Dentistry cannot license them for their specialty.