

SB 1550 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows expanded practice dental hygienists to perform interim therapeutic restorations. Defines "interim therapeutic restoration." Requires that authorization to perform interim therapeutic restorations be included in agreement between expanded practice hygienist and supervising dentist. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

-1 Adds requirement that dentist diagnosis precede performance of an interim therapeutic restoration by expanded practice dental hygienist. Requires Oregon Board of Dentistry (Board) to utilize curriculum, training protocols, and learning outcomes through Oregon Health Authority's dental pilot project program. Clarifies training completion requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Health Authority's Dental Pilot Project #200 (Training Training Dental Hygienists to Place Interim Therapeutic Restorations) was approved in June 2017. The Pilot Project allowed expanded practice dental hygienists to implement telehealth-connected oral health teams to reach children who have not been receiving dental care on a regular basis and to provide community-based dental diagnostic, prevention and early intervention services, including utilization of interim therapeutic restorations (ITR) when indicated by the supervising dentist.

Senate Bill 1550-1 implements the ITR authorization allowed by Pilot Project #200.