

HB 2969 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thomsen

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/19/21

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/12, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health beginning July 1, 2025. Requires State Board of Education to adopt related health education content standards. Requires standards to specify grades in which instruction is provided. Prohibits Oregon Health Authority from reducing global budget or denying reimbursement for costs claimed by coordinated care organization related to improving access for students to school-based oral health services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of oral health
- Statewide content standards for health

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's current health content standards for Kindergarten through 12th grade do not contain any references to oral or dental health. House Bill 2969 A directs the State Board of Education to add oral health standards into the health content standards and requires school districts to provide instruction in oral health.