SB 230 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires dental care organizations and oral health providers contracting with the Oregon Health Authority to provide oral health care to veterans, and to complete an intake screening with enrollees within 15 days of their contact with the organization or provider. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4095 (2022) established the Veterans Dental Program within the Oregon Health Authority, and House Bill 5029 (2023) allocated additional funding to the program. The program provides the same dental benefits as those enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid (OHP), without corresponding copayments, deductibles, or cost sharing, to veterans who are Oregon residents, ineligible for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP)/Medicaid, and have income 400 percent or lower of the federal poverty guidelines. Additional information, including the enrollment process, is available at the program's website.

Senate Bill 230 (2025) would require dental care organizations and oral health providers participating in this program to complete an intake screening within 15 days of being contacted by an enrollee.