

HB 2594 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires dental laboratories operating in Oregon to register with the Health Licensing Office (HLO), specifies requirements for obtaining registration, and requires dental laboratories to provide material content disclosures related to work orders completed for dentists in Oregon.

Detailed Summary

- Defines key terms related to dental laboratories.
- Applies registration requirement to dental laboratories that are located in Oregon and to facilities that are located outside of Oregon but do business with Oregon dentists. Excludes dental laboratories that operate solely as education programs. Specifies that registration must be completed annually.
- Specifies criteria for dental laboratory registration, including that the lab employ a dentist, certified dental laboratory technician, or a dental technician who has completed acceptable continuing education activities. Directs HLO to adopt rules to support registration and discipline activities. Specifies that HLO may take action before the operative date of the measure.
- Requires a dental laboratory registered with HLO to provide material content disclosures for any work orders received from a dentist. Specifies what information must be included in the disclosure. Repeals requirement that dental technicians provide information about the placement location of oral prosthetic devices.
- Permits HLO to discipline a dental laboratory failing to meet registration and disclosure requirements.
- Specifies that failure to register with HLO is a Class B violation.
- Becomes operative July 1, 2026. Takes effect 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:

Dental laboratories are facilities that produce products ordered by dentists for patient treatment. Materials used in the products produced by dental laboratories are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ([21 CFR Part 872](#)). Dental laboratories employ dental technicians who may seek voluntary certification from a national program to become a certified dental technician (CDT). The National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology administers the [CDT program](#) and provides certification upon successful completion of a series of written and practical examinations. CDT certification has been offered since 1959.

The Oregon Health Licensing Office (HLO) within the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division is the regulatory body that oversees health professions and issues health-related licenses across the state. Oregon does not currently require laboratory technicians who produce products in dental laboratories to receive certification.

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