

Senate Bill 597

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS, Representative JAVADI; Representatives NELSON, VALDERRAMA (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to create a grant program to promote oral health care coordination. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a grant program to provide financial support to certified dental sealant programs that promote and engage in oral health care coordination activities. Provides the manner in which the authority shall distribute grant funds to grantees.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to oral health care coordination.

3 Whereas active professional care coordination is proven to reduce barriers to care and improve
4 health outcomes; and

5 Whereas there are no commonly used dental billing codes for oral health care coordination; and

6 Whereas approximately one-quarter of grade school students seen by Oregon Health Authority-
7 certified oral health screening and sealant programs require follow-up dental care; and

8 Whereas investment in care coordination and an innovative workforce is essential to achieving
9 the oral health care goals in this state; now, therefore,

10 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

11 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "certified dental sealant program" means a local**
12 **school-based dental sealant program described in ORS 431A.725 that is certified by the**
13 **Oregon Health Authority.**

14 **(2) The authority shall establish a program to award grants to provide financial support**
15 **to certified dental sealant programs that promote and engage in oral health care coordi-**
16 **nation activities.**

17 **(3) The authority shall distribute grant funds under this section to grantees on a pro-**
18 **portional basis relative to the number of schools that a certified dental sealant program**
19 **serves.**

20 **(4) The authority shall prescribe by rule the forms and processes by which a certified**
21 **dental sealant program may apply for grants under this section, including the length of time**
22 **the application period shall remain open.**

23 **(5) As soon as practicable after the close of an application period, the authority shall**
24 **review all timely and complete applications, in accordance with rules adopted by the au-**
25 **thority, and approve or reject each application and disburse grant awards to approved grant**
26 **applicants no later than August 1 of each calendar year.**

27 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium be-**
28 **ginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

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