

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 672

Ordered by the Senate April 23
Including Senate Amendments dated April 23

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, STEINER HAYWARD; Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER (at the request of Oregon Dental Association)

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.

[Establishes office of oral health within Oregon Health Authority to study and support oral health of citizens of this state.]

Directs Oregon Health Authority to appoint state dental director to oversee *[office of oral health.]* programs operated by authority that increase access to oral health services. Requires dental director to study and make recommendations on improving oral health.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state dental director; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall appoint a dental director who serves**
5 **at the pleasure of the authority. The authority may establish by rule additional qualifications**
6 **for the dental director. The dental director:**

7 (a) **Must be a dentist licensed to practice under ORS chapter 679;**

8 (b) **Must be in good standing with the Oregon Board of Dentistry or with the dental li-**
9 **censing board of another state if the dental director is not licensed by the board; and**

10 (c) **Shall oversee programs operated by the authority that increase access to oral health**
11 **services, preventative oral health activities and other authority initiatives that address oral**
12 **health disparities in this state.**

13 (2) **The dental director shall:**

14 (a) **Provide recommendations and guidance to the authority and other state agencies,**
15 **individuals and community providers on how to prevent oral diseases and measures to take**
16 **to improve, promote and protect the oral health of the residents of this state, with a focus**
17 **on reducing oral health disparities among underserved populations;**

18 (b) **Make recommendations and submit a report on the topics listed in paragraph (a) of**
19 **this subsection to the appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner**
20 **provided in ORS 192.245 not later than March 15, 2016;**

21 (c) **Monitor, study and appraise the oral health needs and resources of residents of this**
22 **state;**

23 (d) **Foster the development, expansion and evaluation of oral health services for residents**
24 **of this state;**

25 (e) **Provide information concerning oral health to the dental and health communities and**

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 **the public;**

2 **(f) Develop policies to promote oral health in this state; and**

3 **(g) Develop programs, policies and preventive measures to positively impact oral health**
4 **in this state.**

5 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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