

**ORAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**3/06/2020**

Bill Number	Description	Status	Notes
<b>SB 1520</b>	Expands definition of term “eligible student.” Modifies school reimbursement rates for purposes of schools that provide free or reduced price meals under National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. Makes state funding available at earlier date for summer programs at certain schools considered to be high poverty under Title I of federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Needs 2nd & 3rd readings on the House Floor to pass	Does not impact eligibility requirements for school dental sealant programs (e.g. 40% NSLP status).
<b>SB 1549</b>	Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to issue dental therapist license to qualified applicant. Prohibits unlicensed use of title “dental therapist” and practice of dental therapy. Provides exceptions to prohibition. Adds dental therapist member to board. Becomes operative September 1, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Bill is dead  Will return for 2021 legislative session	Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) from dental pilot project #100 was main sponsor of this bill.  A legislative workgroup will meet 4-5 times before September interim legislative days to develop a framework for legislation to be introduced during the next session.
<b>SB 1550A</b>	Allows expanded practice dental hygienist to perform interim therapeutic restoration. Requires agreement between dentist and expanded practice dental hygienist to include expanded practice dental hygienist’s scope of practice regarding interim therapeutic restorations. Defines “interim therapeutic restoration.” Directs Oregon Board of Dentistry to adopt rules to establish educational and instructional requirements for interim therapeutic restoration and to approve applications from education providers for training courses that meet requirements. Requires certain expanded practice dental hygienists to complete approved training course. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.	Needs 3rd reading on House Floor to pass	OHSU from dental pilot project #200 was main sponsor of this bill.
<b>HB 4115A</b>	Requires companies providing health care interpreters to health care providers to use health care interpreters who are listed on health care interpreter registry as being qualified or certified by Oregon Health Authority. Requires authority to adopt by rule exceptions. Directs Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries to establish by rule standards, policies and processes to monitor compliance with and enforce requirements. Requires authority to establish registry of qualified and certified health care interpreters and provide statewide health care interpreter training. Requires authority, by September 15, 2020, to report to interim committee of House of Representatives related to health on costs to implement establishment of health care interpreter registry and to provide health care interpreter training. Makes health care interpreters subject workers for purposes of workers' compensation benefits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.	Bill is dead  Passed the House, but died in Ways and Means	Monitored to see if dental care organizations (DCOs) and school dental sealant programs would need to use health care interpreters who are qualified or certified by OHA.

<p><b>HB 4127A</b></p>	<p>Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum.</p> <p>Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs. Establishes Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund. Requires authority to seek funding for pilot program. Becomes operative on January 1, 2022, if fund balance is at least \$200,000 on January 1, 2022.</p> <p>Requires Oregon Health Authority to accept claims for reimbursement of costs related to care coordination surrounding school-based oral health services.</p> <p>Sunsets program and fund on June 30, 2025.</p> <p>Declares emergency, effective on passage.</p>	<p>Needs 2nd &amp; 3rd readings on the House Floor to pass</p>	<p>Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) has pulled together stakeholders to form a Pediatric Oral Health Coalition that has introduced this legislation. It is tied to the "Healthy Teeth, Bright Futures" campaign they developed.</p>
<p><b>HB 4132A</b></p>	<p>Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer and collect data from student health surveys. Requires authority to consult with Department of Education to convene student health survey planning committee, to engage adolescents in creating and revising surveys and interpreting survey data and to use survey data to assess implementation of laws and rules related to students' health, safety and well-being. Modifies definition of "adolescent" for purposes of surveys. Requires authority to provide process to inform adolescents and their parents or guardians that participation in survey is voluntary, to develop plan to distribute survey data and to biennially report on surveys to interim committee related to education.</p> <p>Declares emergency, effective on passage.</p>	<p>Bill is dead</p> <p>Passed the House Committee on Education and referred to Ways and Means</p> <p>Will return for 2021 legislative session</p>	<p>Monitored ensure oral health is a topic area to be included on the student health survey of adolescents.</p> <p>Oral health questions are currently included in the Oregon Healthy Teens survey.</p>