

## Senate Bill 117 2009 Legislative Session

### Background

ORS 679.020 governs the practice of dentistry and dental clinics in the state. The statute requires a dental office or clinic to name an “actively licensed” dentist as the dental director.

Two OUS campuses, (PSU and UO) currently provide dental services at their student health centers. Additionally, the Oregon Institute of Technology operates a dental clinic as part of its dental hygiene instructional program. ORS 351.070 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to provide health services to students, staff and faculty on OUS campuses. Much like Oregon Health and Science University’s dental services, these health centers are operated under the management of institutional administration and are not operated or directed by the dentists or dental staff as required by ORS 679.020. The Oregon Health and Science University is currently exempt from the requirements of ORS 679.020.

### Summary

**Senate Bill 117 would exempt the Oregon University System from ORS 679.020. This exemption would allow campuses to provide dental services to students and to avoid costly duplication of management and oversight.**

Senate Bill 117 will allow the campuses within the Oregon University System to continue to provide accessible and affordable health services to the campus community.

The Oregon State Board of Dentistry supports this proposed exemption.

### Fiscal Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact.

