

**Legislative Concept 396**  
Oregon Health Authority  
Radiation Protection Services

Proposed Fee Increase  
Dental Registrant Impact  
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“The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Radiation Protection Services (RPS) protects Oregonians from unnecessary and harmful radiation, and, at the same time, improves health through regulating safe and appropriate uses of radiation sources. Without additional Legislative-approved funding, RPS will have to significantly reduce staff and services.

Among other measures, OHA/RPS is proposing to restructure its’ 2021-2023 X-ray registrant biennial fee schedule to be “tube based” rather than the existing facility machine control panel fee. Dental Registrants having an X-ray machine with one control panel and a single tube (most dental machines) would have a biennial fee of \$210, versus the current \$140 (a \$35 per year increase). If a dentist runs multiple X-ray tubes out of one control panel, they will pay the \$210 biennial fee for each tube. Dental X-ray machine tube fees will be at the lowest tier of six fee levels.

Proposed fee increases assure that all 3600 Registrants using 12,000 devices are paying a fee based upon the RPS staff’s inspection time required to ensure safe machine operation and to reflect higher tube energy levels which present potential for increased patient/operator/public harm. Oregon’s proposed tube-based fee structure will still align with several other states including Washington and California. “