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RE: SB 835

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am an Oregon orthodontist and have a practice in Canby. I urge you to support SB 835. This bill sets forth the criteria below that must be met in order for a licensed Oregon to advertise that the dentist practices in one or more specialty areas of dentistry:

1. Has completed a post-doctoral residency program that is at least two years in length and is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule;
2. Is a specialist as defined by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, or its successor organization, and adopted by the board by rule; or
3. Has completed an advanced dental education program that is at least two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department of Education, and approved by the board by rule.

Right now, CODA is the only nationally-recognized accrediting body for dentistry and the related dental fields, receiving its accreditation authority from the acceptance of all stakeholders within the dental community and recognition by the USDOE. Additionally, a specialty area recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards is required to be a distinct and well-defined field which requires unique knowledge and skills beyond those commonly possessed by dental school graduates, and the specialty area must also have a CODA accredited, post-doctoral program. Most importantly, the criteria in his bill all require a dentist to have completed an advanced dental education program recognized by the USDOE.

I am asking you to support the proposed S.B. 835, as it best protects patients from dental providers with less education and training being able to advertise on the same level or in the same manner as those dentists who have graduated from multi-year, CODA accredited programs that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me at 503-266-1200 or my orthodontic association- the American Association of Orthodontists- via Gianna Hartwig, who is available at 314-292- 6527.

Thanks for all you do,

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