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House Committee on Health Care
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RE: SB 835

As a pediatric dentist in Salem, Oregon, I urge you to support Senate Bill 835. This legislation recognizes dental specialties that satisfy stringent criteria enabling the public to understand their options in choosing a provider. This bill sets forth the criteria below that must be met for a licensed Oregon dentist to advertise that the dentist practices in one or more specialty areas of dentistry:

- (a) 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;
- (b) 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
- (c) 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.

SB 835 ensures specialty recognition is appropriately defined within statute, promoting safety and a universal standard of care to the public as they inquire whether to seek the services of a specialist or a general dentist. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 503-586-6296 or the Oregon Academy of Pediatric Dentists at info@oapd.org.

Sincerely,

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