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DATE: June 8, 2021
TO: Senate Committee on Rules
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager
RE: HB 2528, relating to dental therapy

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County offers its support for HB 2528. Prior to the COVID pandemic, our Health and Human Services Department through the Community Health Clinic Division, offered a robust preventative dental care program which worked with local schools to ensure school aged children throughout Lane County were receiving initial examinations and receiving preventative dental care services. We are excited to know that with schools in Lane County planning for a fall, 2021 re-opening, that service will again become operational.

Moreover, we continue to work on both integrating dental care into existing clinics that we operate throughout the region and evolve a stand-alone clinic to serve the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area.

HB 2528 would provide an extension of the services dental clinics may provide with sidebars established under Sections 8 and 9 of the A-engrossed version. Lane County finds this measure would be functional for our efforts to ensure dental healthcare is more accessible to individuals throughout our region. We do not find that the requirements outlining the supervisory role that fully licensed dental providers would be required to undertake are unreasonable.

We urge the Committee to take action to move this measure to the floor of the Senate.

Electronically Submitted