



House Committee on Health Care  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

February 2, 2022

Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and Members of the House Health Committee,

The Oregon Dental Association (ODA) is the professional trade association representing over 2100 practicing Oregon dentists in all corners of the state. ODA members work in every practice setting, from Federally Qualified Health Centers to private practice. Our members are committed to increasing access to safe, quality and equitable dental care, which is why we write today in strong support of HB 4095.

Oral health care is a strong indicator of, and contributor to overall health, and we believe that HB 4095 will increase access to these critical services to low-income veterans who need and deserve this care. Dental disease or injury has a significant impact on a person's quality of life, and when left untreated can lead to mental and other physical health impairments.

We thank Representative Hayden and the other sponsors of HB 4095 for bringing this bill forward, and we thank the Committee for its consideration. On behalf of our members, ODA respectfully urges support of HB 4095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Roa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Calie Roa  
President, Oregon Dental Association