

Opposition to House Bill 2979

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

I support several sections outlined in this workforce package bill, but I am here today to express concern regarding section 9 and 10 of House Bill 2979 in its current language. In this section it is asking for \$2 million dollars to create free, chairside training modules. It is a complete waste of funds.

Training modules already exist and are available to anyone. These modules are available to anyone through The DALE Foundation. The modules are up to date with appropriate training and are updated regularly by educators as well as subject matter experts. They provide participants the skills and knowledge with quality and high standards. This allows anyone (dentists or the public) immediate access to chairside training content and allows the dental assistant to be trained on the job.

Since training modules are already available I see no reason to reinvent the wheel. I ask that you amend House Bill 2979, Section 9 & 10.

The \$2 million-dollar funds are better allocated elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration.