

2/12/25

Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Javadi & Members of the Committee
Senate Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
2025 Oregon Legislative Session

As a senior dental hygiene student at Portland Community College, I strongly support the DDH Compact because it will have a lasting impact on the future of our profession. This increased mobility will expand career opportunities, help address workforce shortages, and improve access to oral healthcare, especially in underserved communities.

By reducing the administrative barriers, the DDH Compact will also make it easier for experienced dental hygienists to relocate, while continuing to provide essential care where. This is a necessary step toward modernizing licensure and ensuring that qualified professionals can practice where they are most needed.

I strongly urge you to refer HB 2676 to the House with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Tuel, SDH, EFDA
Class of 2025 SADHA Secretary