

February 15, 2025

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

I am writing to you in support of HB 2676 that if passed would enact the DDH Compact in Oregon. I am a dental hygienist, I live in Beaverton, Oregon, and I work with Private practice dentists. I also hold a dental hygiene license in Washington state. I have worked in each state over 10 years. I have 31 years of experience as a hygienist.

I support the DDH Compact because it would increase access to dental hygiene services for the public by enabling qualified and skilled hygienists the portablilty to move within the compact states easily. As you know there is a shortage of hygienists currently; I strongly urge you to refer HB 2676 to the House with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Beth Thompson , RDH, BS