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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, it would enact the DDH Compact in Oregon.

I am an expanded practice dental hygienist in Oregon.

I live in Monroe and work mostly in Corvallis. When I work, I work in many settings, in nursing homes, the schools, in children's clinics, at school-based health centers and more.

I support the DDH Compact because it will alleviate a lot of stress for so many people. In my 42 years as an RDH, I have been licensed in four different states and have taken three clinical board exams. I had to find patients which was stressful and expensive and paid thousands of dollars for my exams and licensure. I have also obtained two licenses through credentials but still had to pay more than \$1000 for each one, putting a lot of stress on my finances. It also takes time to take exams and get licensure, delaying a move or delaying the ability to provide for one's family.

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

Sincerely,

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