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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi & Nelson and 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 an expanded practice dental hygienist, I live in Portland, and I work as a Temporary Hygienist and as a Clinical Faculty at Pacific University

I support the DDH Compact because as a temp holding multiple licenses is very cost prohibitive leading to the inability to work across state lines meaning any Hygienist that lives in Vancouver, WA would be unable to cover shifts in Portland without having 2 licenses with separate requirements and fees. This compact would also allow for more immediate access to hygienists, which there is a shortage of, when providers move due to partners jobs as well.

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

Sincerely,

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