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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 would enact the DDH Compact in Oregon.

I am a expanded practice dental hygienist, I live in Hillsboro, and I work with Pacific University School of Dental Hygiene.

I support the DDH Compact because of personal and professional reasons. My husband joined the Navy 1 year after I graduated from Hygiene school and we moved 4 times in 2 years. In order to work as a dental hygienist, I had to find patients in Florida, California and Hawaii and had to retake clinical boards and also my National board exam in Hawaii because it had been more than 5 years since I had taken it. (it was seven years) This was a huge financial and emotional hardship which seems totally unnecessary. I had graduated and passed all my boards in Oregon State. Many of our students come from other states and plan to move back or would like to move and practice in other states. They have already paid (or are in debt) for 4 years of college and have paid for and passed multiple exams in Oregon costing over \$3000.00. Having to retake the same exams in other states just to practice in these states seems totally unnecessary. Students in Oregon who want to practice in California are required to take a class on Local Anesthetic and Curettage and pay \$5000.00 in ordered to get licensed in California even though they have already passed the same Local Anesthesia board their students take.

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

Sincerely,

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