

February 20, 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 an expanded practice dental hygienist, I live in Wilsonville, and I work with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

I support the DDH Compact because working in a community health clinic has taught me more about the health system and the barriers placed on the underserved population who I see everyday. Being bilingual myself, I feel a great responsibility to be available to the Spanish speaking community and not only provide oral health services but be able to educate and make my patients feel heard. This compact will allow me and many other dental providers to use our skills to reach more underserved/low-income populations.

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

Sincerely,
Estivali Carrillo RDH, EPDH, BSDH