

## Support for HB2676 (Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact) and HB3060 (Physician Assistants Licensure Compact)

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson and members of the committee: My name is Ed Diehl, State Representative for House District 17, East Salem through the majestic Santiam Canyon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bills 2676 and 3060.

You heard my previous compact testimony during the HB 3339 hearing. I'm not going to repeat that. I do want to clarify a couple of things.

I want to clearly address the issues about constitutionality. Legislative counsel provided us with written notice of the additional provisions she added to HB 2676 to ensure that it complied with the Oregon Constitution. These provisions are incorporated into EVERY compact we've heard this session. The notice letter is posted in today's testimony. LC did not express any additional constitutional concerns. The same Legislative Counsel drafts all of the health licensure compacts and has been doing it for at least several years so she is knowledgeable about this topic. Contrary to other testimony, legislative counsel has not advised us of **any additional constitutional concerns with these compacts.**

After some work between the Council of State Governments and our LC, we have made final changes that both sides have agreed on. These final edits will be incorporated with the adoption of the -3 amendment to HB2676.

I encourage you to read the testimonies online. I encourage you to talk to providers in your own community.

The compact administrators I've spoken to are eager to work with Oregon. I again ask that the Boards stay neutral, and keep an open mind. Let's discuss the concerns and the needs of our state, and figure out how to make it work.

**I don't think there is a single issue or objection that we can't work through together.**

I urge you to support all of the licensure compacts, including HB 2676 and HB 3060. Thank you.

