

Madam Chair and members of the committee,

For the record, I am Dr. Mike Shirtcliff. CEO of Advantage Dental from Redmond.

Many of you know me from our labor together on the large work group that laid the foundation for HB3650 in 2011. Much compromise went into that product and a part of that compromise was a transition period for oral health. This was not only to preserve hundreds of jobs but assure access too thousands of low income Oregonians.

The transition provisions said CCOs were required to sign contracts with all DCOs in their area. It said by July 1, 2017 we needed to have successfully integrated into CCOs. The OHA contracts with us had to end by that date.

This bill has three main parts. First, it says that CCOs need to sign the contracts (required by state law) before they form a new network of providers. Second it specifies that the initial contracts expire July 1, 2017. Finally it allows the use of an LLC to simplify the contracting process when the parties involve so choose.

Just as CCOs want stability in their contracts with the state, we want stability in our contracts with CCOs. It will move forward the transformation we all seek, benefitting literally thousands of Oregonians.

I would be happy to answer any questions.