



**To: Senate Health Care Committee**  
**From: Oregon Dental Association**  
**RE: HB 2948**

Good Afternoon Chair Monnes-Anderson and members of the committee. My name is Dr. Dan Saucy and I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Dental Association. I am both the chair of the Government Relations Council for the ODA and a full time general dentists here in Salem. Thank you for allowing me to speak today in support of HB 2948.

Many members of the Oregon Dental Association participate in a variety of ongoing continuing education programs. These are required courses, volunteer study groups, and opportunities up at OHSU, etc. As the world continues to grow smaller and we connect to other parts of the world, we hear about skills and practices that international dentists perform that could educate and contribute to dentistry in Oregon.

Currently, foreign dentists can come to the state to lecture and teach, but can't show or demonstrate these procedures on a live patient. SB 2948 authorizes dentists licensed in other countries to participate in educational activities related to dentistry by allowing them to give a "hands on" presentation to dentists. Essentially get their hands in the mouth of a patient. Dentists licensed in another country must be in good standing, must apply to the Board of Dentistry and be approved before performing any procedure, and are limited to no more than 5 consecutive days in any 12 month period.

As introduced, SB 2948 also allows an out of country dentist to be granted hospital staff privileges. Unfortunately, this last piece was never intended and the -1 amendment to the bill removes it. ODA has not heard of any opposition to the bill.

Thank you again for time. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.