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Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB 606

Chair Senator Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Deborah Loy. I am the Executive Director of Government Programs for Capitol Dental Care (CDC). We are a dental care organization that provides care to hundreds of thousands of Oregon Health Plan (OHP) enrollees. I am here to testify in support of SB 606, with amendments.

Our position on the various components of SB 606 are:

- We are very supportive of Section 1 of SB 606, which would provide funding of the dental pilot project. Funding for a specific person to provide management and oversight of the pilot projects is necessary to allow the dental pilot projects to begin. Dollars were appropriated only last session to support someone to do the management and oversight. That person has been hired, and it is necessary to continue the funding for this individual in order to move forward and actually begin the pilot projects.
- Capitol Dental Care is opposed to Section 2, which makes changes to the original language in SB 738. We are very supportive of the dental pilot projects and were part of the large group of interested parties who worked diligently to develop the language for SB 738 (2011) to establish these pilots. Many hours of time was spent in mediation in writing SB 738, as well as the administrative rules for the bill. CDC believes that changing the language in Section 2 does not add anything to the original agreements and does not honor the commitment of time and effort that went into developing the dental pilot project concepts and will only delay our ability to start the projects.

- We support the extension of the repeal of the dental project law in Section 3 of SB 606. Since no pilots have been able to start yet, it makes sense to extend the time allowed to operate the pilots. While CDC supports the extension of the repeal to 2023 as written in this bill, we would also support extending the repeal date to 2025, which we understand is another date that is being discussed.

We do not, however, support a complete removal of the repeal date. The intent of SB 738 was to allow for dental pilots to test new workforce models. The ultimate goal was to report back to the Legislature after a given amount of time on the success of the various pilots and to work with the Legislature to adopt successful concepts as part of the scope of practice laws for the various components of the dental workforce. At this time, Capitol Dental Care does not believe that completely removing the sunset on the dental pilots serves the purpose of SB 738 (2011).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 606.