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

RE: SB 692

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 692, with an amendment.

Capitol Dental Care supports the goal of SB 692. Since no pilots have been able to start yet and the law states that the individual pilots can operate for up to five years, it makes sense to extend the time so that the pilots can operate as originally planned.

However, we do not support a complete removal of the repeal date.

The intent of SB 738 (2011) for the dental pilots was to allow for these pilot projects 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 pilot projects that were approved, and to work with the Legislature to adopt the successful concepts as part of the scope of practice laws for the various segments 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). We do, however, support the extension of the repeal to another date. As we state in our testimony for SB 606, we would be fine with the date (2023) as written in that bill. We would also support extending the repeal date to 2025, which we understand is another date that is being discussed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 692.