

To: Senate Health Care Committee  
From: Oregon Dental Association  
Re: House Bill 2024



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Good Afternoon Chair Greenlick and members of the committee. My name is Dan Saucy and I am a general dentist from here in Salem. I am here today on behalf of the Oregon Dental Association in support of HB 2024.

All dental disease is preventable. Yet statistics show that one in five children (20%) between 6-9 years of age had untreated decay in their primary or permanent teeth in Oregon.

ODA supports any additional funding the Oregon Health Authority can find to support oral health prevention and education programs. We all know that many providers who wish to provide services to OHP patients struggle to do so, as the capitation and fee for service rates are not competitive with fees in the market place. Dental health is a preventative model, and the more resources that are spent in preventing disease, the more money the state can save down the road.

We will continue to work to ensure the referral mechanism in the bill is organized in a way that assists these patients in finding their permanent dental home where comprehensive oral health treatment can be provided.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions.