

To: Senate Health Care Committee  
From: Oregon Dental Association  
Re: House Bill 3023



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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 3023.

ODA supports any additional resources that can be spent to reduce barriers and limits to improving oral health and utilizing oral health services for pregnant women. The oral health of pregnant women has the potential to impact the oral health status of their children. Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases are highly beneficial and can and should be undertaken during pregnancy. Good oral health and control of oral disease protects a woman's health and quality of life and has the potential to reduce the transmission of pathogenic bacteria from mothers to their children.

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