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

RE: SB 692 amendment

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

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. CDC supports the SB 692 amendment.

Since no pilots have taken place under SB 738 (passed in 2011) it makes sense to extend the sunset to 2025. SB 738 created provisions for dental pilots to test new workforce models. The pilots are to be designed to expand the roles of dental professionals, teach new skills to dental professionals and develop new categories of dental professionals. The goal is to report back to the Legislature after a given amount of time on the success of the pilots that have been 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. **We support the SB 692 amendment that does this.**

SB 738 requires pilots to be funded by the organizations requesting them. Some of our most vulnerable Oregonians who are likely to be benefactors of dental services delivered under an approved pilot are those living at or near the federal poverty level covered by OHP. Several of the dental care organizations (DCOs) intend to submit a pilot request. CDC is one of those and is excited about having an opportunity to test dental workforce models. As a DCO, we are paid by our coordinated care organization partners on a per member per month basis which allows us flexibility to step up and fund a pilot. However, an important part of our ability lies in being able to submit a claim/encounter for a provider who is working under an approved pilot when he/she delivers a covered OHP service to one of our members.

We support the SB 692 amendment language that would allow personnel working under a dental pilot

project approved by the Oregon Health Authority to qualify for reimbursement if the services are provided to a recipient of medical assistance. This would allow us to be able to submit a claim/encounter applicable for one of our members.

Thank you for considering the SB 692 amendment and for your potential support.

Sincerely,

Deborah Loy