

**VIC GILLIAM**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 18



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 15, 2016

To: Chair Laurie Monnes Anderson  
And Senate Health Care Committee Members

Re: HB 4095

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

I have no reason to doubt that every member of this Honorable Committee is committed to improved transparency in all levels of government. My question in the context of HB 4095, is: When does so-called “transparency” turn into a sort of unjust, continual punishment?

My commitment to this bill stems from a personal story from an Oregon dentist who testified last spring. This dentist made a mistake over a decade ago. This exemplary dental professional meets the following criteria:

- **The violation occurred over 10 years ago,**
- **The mistake harmed zero patients – either financially or physically,**
- **The violation was self-reported to the Board,**
- **She has had zero violations since,**
- **And she complied with all penalties,**

Yet her violation remains published by the Dental Board, lo these many years later. These are the criteria outlined in HB 4095. After meeting all the requirements of this bill it also requires a dental professional to request removal of their name from the Board of Dentistry’s website and other publicly accessible publications under the board’s control before the Board must act.

The Chair of the House Health Care Committee offered ample time for stakeholders to discuss this bill, and while I was not informed of their activity and discussions, & while minor tweaks have been mentioned.... I firmly believe it is time for action. And I urge passage of this reasonable, positive and needed bill. It comes to you with unanimous support from the House Health Care Committee and the House Chamber.

Sincerely,

Vic Gilliam  
State Representative