



Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Education
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Re: Support of HB 5024

April 1, 2019

Dear Members of the Subcommittee on Education:

The Oregon Dental Association, representing 2,300 dentists across the state, fully supports HB 5024, the budget for Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU).

Over half of our members graduated from the OHSU School of Dentistry. We know first-hand the important role the school plays in our community and state. OHSU trained us, taught us, and mentored us, helping us become the dentists we are today. And now, many of us have the fortunate opportunity to mentor and support today's students.

OHSU's School of Dentistry is filled with professionals dedicated to ensuring that dental students graduate ready to meet the oral health needs of our state. Further, the school is critical to ensuring Oregon's dental workforce needs are met now and in the future.

In addition to the DMD program at OHSU, the school offers six advanced education programs, including: Endodontology, General Practice Residency, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Periodontology. These offerings draw students from across the country to study and practice in Oregon, diversifying our future workforce.

OHSU is a valued partner with the ODA and dentists across the state. OHSU provides real leadership on dental issues affecting both our profession and the general population's health.

We encourage your full support of HB 5024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James S McMahan DMD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James McMahan, DMD
ODA President
OHSU Class of 1982