



Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Human Services
900 Court St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support of HB 2706: Dental Coverage for COFA

June 10, 2019

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services:

The Oregon Dental Association (ODA), representing over 2,300 dentists across the state, fully supports HB 2706. HB 2706 would provide dental coverage to low income citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association who reside in Oregon.

We believe that every Oregonian deserves access to quality affordable oral health care. Extending dental coverage to this population is fair, equitable, and necessary. We look forward to working with legislators and partners to find funding for this population to ensure dental coverage.

ODA encourages your support of House Bill 2706.

Sincerely,

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

James McMahan, DMD

President, Oregon Dental Association