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House Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
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Subject: Concern with lack of details about procedures in HB 2528

Chair Prusak, Vice-Chairs Hayden and Salinas,

I am a specialist in periodontal therapy practicing in Milwaukie, Oregon. In addition to 50 years of private practice in Periodontal treatment I have taught root scaling to dental hygiene students at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington

Today I write with significant concerns on the Dental Therapy bill, HB 2528.


In the scope of treatment that this Bill outlines is the statement – “Dental prophylaxes including periodontal scaling (more advanced procedure than sub-gingival scaling) and mechanical polishing.”

The only thing more advanced than sub-gingival scaling is gingival surgical procedures. This statement regarding periodontal treatment needs a more detailed description of more advanced procedure.

There needs to be a section on the curriculum designed to teach the student how they will be trained to perform these procedures in a skilled and safe manor to the patient.

Please do not move this bill out of committee without substantial revisions to ensure patient safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred A. Bremner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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