

House Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

The Oregon Dental Association is pleased to support House Bill 2627. This is a concept we've been working on with proponents for several years—starting with the passage of SB 738 a decade ago, and we are glad to see this bill in front of the committee.

ODA supports expanding access to dental care by expanding scope for dental hygienists in ways that are safe, and make sense. We believe that HB 2627 accomplishes all of these goals.

HB 2627 will allow expanded practice dental hygienists to perform non-drilling fillings. The bill contains important sideboards around training, scope and supervision. With these patient protections in place, ODA believes that HB 2627 will be an important tool to increase access to dental care, especially to Oregon's children. We are proud to state our support of this bill.

Sincerely,



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