



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

February 9, 2022

Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden and Salinas, and Members of the House Health Committee,

The Oregon Dental Association (ODA) is the professional trade association representing over 2100 practicing Oregon dentists in all corners of the state. ODA members work in every practice setting, from Federally Qualified Health Centers to private practice. We write today in strong support of HB 4132 and the -1 amendment that adds dentists to the bill.

Dental offices are more likely than other kinds of healthcare offices to be small, independently owned clinics. This means that dental offices frequently do not have access to the billing staff available to large systems, making a regular call with the Department of Consumer and Business Services a valuable tool for ODA members. Additionally, our members feel that the study language in Section 2 of the bill will be a helpful tool for future legislatures and agencies alike in determining trends and need.

ODA thanks Representative Noble and the bill proponents for working with us and other stakeholders on this amendment language, and we respectfully urge the committee to adopt the amendment and move the bill.

Sincerely,

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Calie Roa, DMD

President