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Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Javadi & Members of the Committee
Senate Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
2025 Oregon Legislative Session

I am writing to you in **support of HB 2676** that if passed would enact the DDH Compact in Oregon.

I am a (dental hygienist or expanded practice dental hygienist), I live in (city or town), and I work with (employment setting).

I support the DDH Compact because (try to include how this issue affects you personally).

I strongly urge you to refer HB 2676 to the House with a do pass recommendation

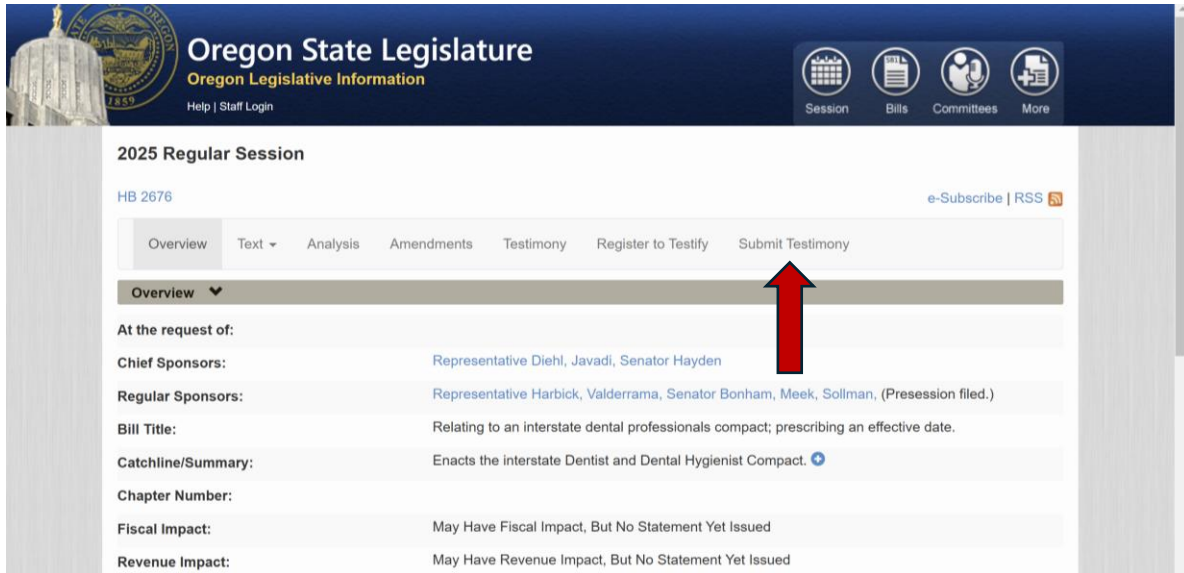
Sincerely,

(Your name & credentials)

Oregon State Legislature

How to Submit a Support Letter for HB 2676

1. Search **HB 2676 Oregon 2025**. Click on **Submit Testimony**.



2. Please note that your letter is considered **public information** and will be posted on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) website. Please **do not** include any personal information that you do not want made available to the public, such as your address, phone number, health history or patient information.



3. Complete the boxes for your **name**, **email address**, **city of residence**. **Do not** complete the **On behalf of (if applicable)** unless you have permission to speak for your organization. For **Position on Measure**, click **Support** on the drop-down menu.

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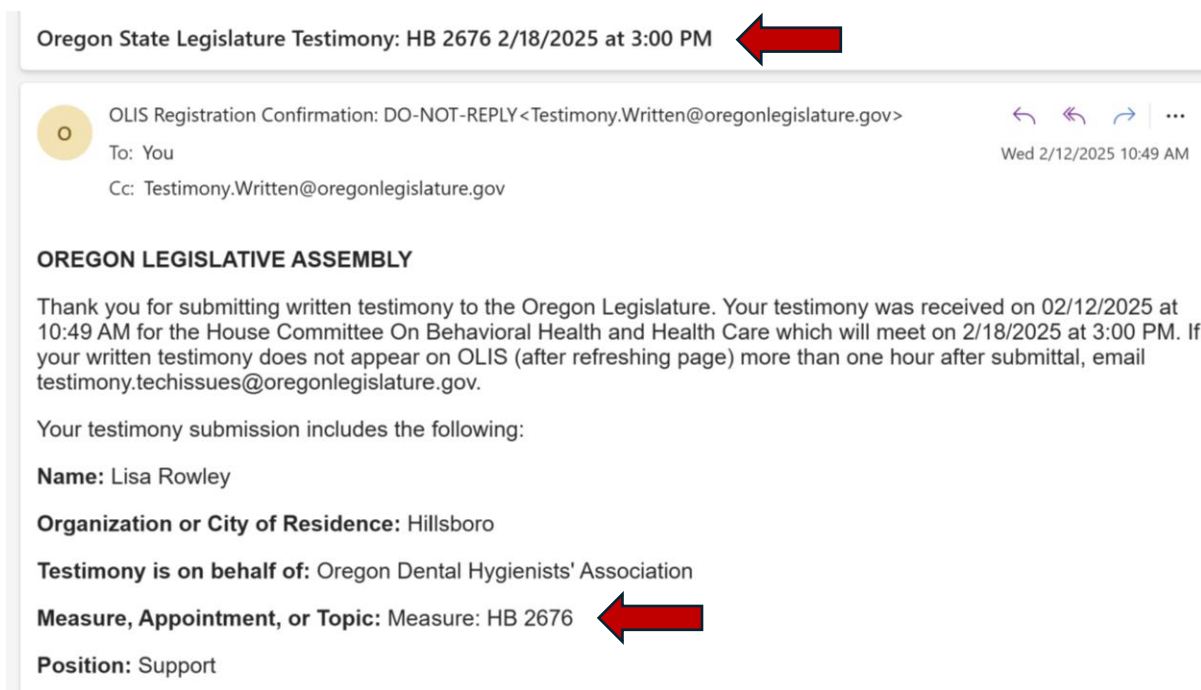
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 All information submitted, with the exception of your email, will be made public.

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7. If your letter was submitted, you should receive a confirmation email like the one below.



8. Your letter should appear on the OLIS website approximately one hour after you have submitted it. You can find your by clicking on **Testimony** on the bill page.

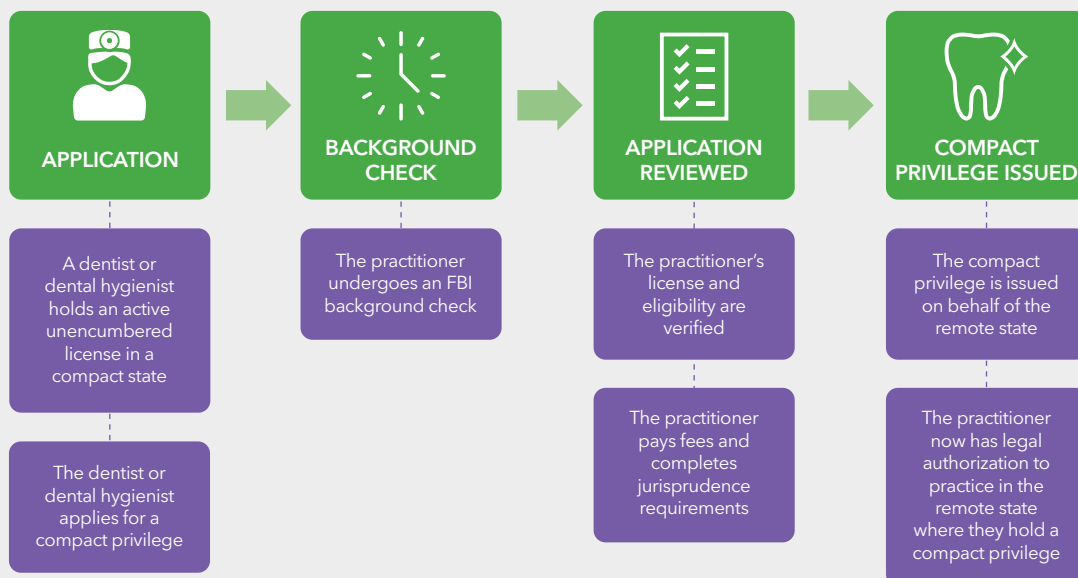


DDH Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

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What is the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact?

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact. Interstate compacts are constitutionally authorized, legally binding, legislatively enacted contracts among states. This compact enables licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in all states participating in the compact, as opposed to them obtaining an individual license in every state they want to practice.



What other professions have an interstate compact?

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)

Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and Advanced Practice Nurse Compact (APRN Compact)

Emergency Medical Service Officials Licensure Compact (EMS Compact)

Physical Therapists Licensure Compact (PT Compact)

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

Occupational Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact (OT Compact)

Counseling Interstate Licensure Compact



National Center for Interstate Compacts
THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Who can use the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact?

A dentist or dental hygienist is eligible to participate in the compact if they have:

- An active, unencumbered license in any state participating in the compact.
- Passed the National Board Examination or other exam accepted by the compact commission.
- Completed a clinical assessment.
- Graduated from an education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- No disqualifying criminal history.

BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR LICENSEES:



Facilitates multistate practice.



Enhances license portability when changing state of residence.



Expands employment opportunities into new markets.



Improves continuity of care when patients or providers relocate.



Supports relocating military spouses.



Reduces burden of maintaining multiple licenses.

BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR REGULATORS:



Reduces administrative burden.



Facilitates practitioner mobility during public health emergencies.



Ensures retention of jurisdiction over practitioners working in their state.



Expands state licensure board cooperation on investigations and disputes.



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BENEFITS OF THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT FOR STATES:



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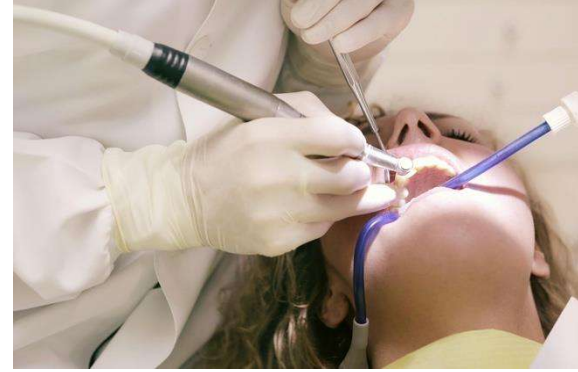
Increases collaboration among states.

What's Next?

The Council of State Governments (CSG) has facilitated the development of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact model legislation. This legislation has been finalized for introduction during 2023 legislative sessions. Each state must enact the model legislation to join the compact. Supporters of the compact can contact the state chapter or national office of their professional membership association and state legislature to advocate for the interstate compact.

To get involved or learn about advocating for the interstate compact, please visit ddhcompact.org.

Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact



The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, which is broadly supported by the dental community, will help address workforce issues in dental offices by increasing mobility and multistate practice for licensed dentists and dental hygienists

The Need

Dental offices across Oregon have expressed increasing concerns with workforce challenges. One barrier to increasing Oregon's dental workforce is the inability of dentists and hygienists to immediately treat patients after moving from another state to Oregon.

This is a particularly critical issue for dental practices or practitioners living in Portland and Vancouver, as dentists and hygienists are currently not allowed to practice on both sides of the Oregon/Washington state border without time-consuming, cumbersome requirements.

Ensuring state sovereignty

- Allows each state to continue to regulate the practice of dentistry/hygiene within borders
- Maintain sovereignty by allowing actions against a compact license privilege or a licensee and maintain existing licensure structure
- Licensure pathways that currently exist will continue to exist
- States retain sovereignty over dental practice act and discipline of practitioners within their borders

Solution

This compact, which has already been approved by ten states including Washington, will increase the mobility and multistate practice for licensed dentists and dental hygienists, while preserving state sovereignty as it relates to licensure and ensuring patients have access to the highest quality of care.

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Licensure Laws in Oregon

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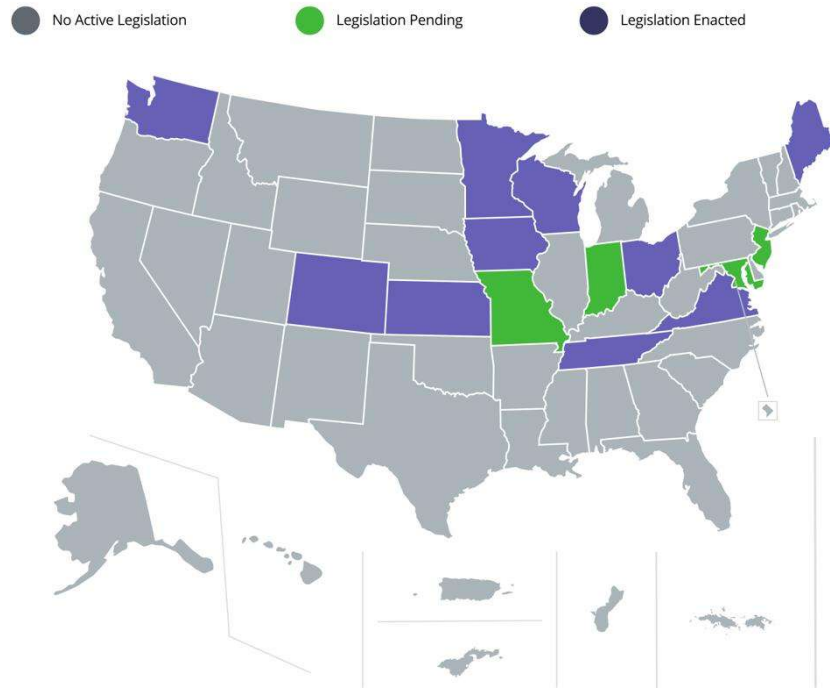
Currently, dentists and dental hygienists moving to Oregon must go through Oregon's licensure process before being allowed to practice

Proposed



Allow dentists and dental hygienists licensed in compact states to legally practice in Oregon

Growing National Support for Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact



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