



April 2024

To: House Health & Human Services Committee
Re: SB24-010— Dentist & Dental Hygienist Compact

Dear Committee Members,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

Today, Colorado faces severe shortages in all our healthcare professions, including dental care. SB24-010 gives us the opportunity to fill many open positions while providing employment to professionals who may be in Colorado due to their spouses having been transferred here by the military or civilian companies.

The majority of these spouses are women who are facing unnecessary barriers to progressing in their careers. AAUW believes the Dentist & Dental Hygienist Compact proposed in Senate Bill 010 will help both Coloradans seeking dental care and the healthcare providers relocating here.

AAUW of Colorado strongly supports Senate Bill 010 and requests your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming a law.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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