

Report of the Task Force on 2025 Legislative Session
To: House of Delegates
September 2025

At the 2017 House of Delegates, Resolution HD-11-2017-Enhancing the Association's Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy, was adopted to create a Legislative Session Task Force (Task Force) to strengthen the Association's advocacy efforts.

Task Force members are nominated and approved by the Board of Directors no later than August 31 of the year prior to the start of the upcoming legislative session. Each year the Task Force dissolves after completion of its assigned legislative session (and subsequent special sessions) and after it has provided recommendations to the Board of Directors for the Association's legislative agenda for the following legislative session. The Board of Directors has broad flexibility to determine the size and scope of the Task Force each year based on anticipated legislative issues. Each year, the Chair of the Task Force is nominated and approved by the Board of Directors. Task Force members are expected to participate in the regularly scheduled meetings; review and provide recommendations regarding legislation; and, potentially, testify at legislative hearings and/or meet with lawmakers as assigned.

The Task Force is charged with preparations for each legislative session, making recommendations to the Board of Directors related to the Association's legislative agenda, and making recommendations on how to proceed on legislative issues with which the Board has decision-making authority. Additionally, the Task Force determines (in accordance with the Association's legislative agenda, House Resolutions, precedence, and any other guiding documents) what position the Association shall take on legislation pending before the Legislature and what advocacy strategy should be employed.

For the 2025 legislative session, the Board of Directors appointed the following fourteen individuals as members of the Task Force:

Dr. Patricia Benton
Dr. Brianne Butler
Dr. Stephen Davis
Dr. Brittany Dean
Dr. Christopher Delecki
Dr. Christopher Dorow, Chair
Dr. Lisa Egbert
Dr. John Gibbons
Dr. Emily Hobart
Dr. Joseph de Jesus
Dr. Ryan Lemke
Dr. Bernard Larson
Dr. Aimi Mizutani
Dr. Cynthia Pauley
Dr. Tania Tran
Dr. Amy Winston

The guidance and expertise provided by the Task Force during the 2025 legislative session was invaluable to the Association's advocacy efforts. The Legislature convened for the first year of the biennial legislative session, meeting for 105 days. The 2025

session was marked by significant state budget challenges, with lawmakers facing a projected \$12 - \$15 billion deficit heading into session. The Task Force weighed in on legislation related to dental benefits, dental workforce, business and employer issues, and several other important topics. For more information on the legislative issues tracked by the Task Force, please review the 2025 Legislative Session Summary.

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