



Testimony before the House Revenue Committee in support of HB 3009
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The Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) is a statewide, professional trade association representing over 600 employers, including for-profit and not-for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities, independent senior housing providers, and private, licensed in-home care agencies. With nearly 40,000 employees, our members provide care and services to over 40,000 Oregonians in every community of the state.

On behalf of our members, OHCA supports HB 3009 because it strives to achieve a balanced approach to impacting tax expenditures and state agency budgets during challenging fiscal times. In the most recent allotment process undertaken in 2010, valuable state programs and services were put in real jeopardy, or in some situations, entirely eliminated, while tax expenditures remained untouched. HB 3009 provides additional options for mitigating the impact on vulnerable Oregonians who are already feeling the brunt of hard economic times.

We thank you for consideration of our support for HB 3009.

Sincerely,

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