



Oregon

House Health Care Committee

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**Testimony: Jan Meekoms, Oregon State Director
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB/OR)**

Public Hearing: HB 4010 Nurse Practitioner Rate Parity

One of the most significant and continual concerns of our small business members is the cost of health care for themselves, their family and their employees.

Through Health Care Transformation much legislative, business and public effort is focused on cutting costs in the delivery of health care and health insurance premiums. We are concerned that HB 4010 is contrary to these efforts and will, in fact, increase delivery costs and health insurance premium costs to Oregon's small business community.

We are supportive of legislation that will reduce health care costs. With parity in payments to nurse practitioners at the same level as physicians, the incentive to use lower cost providers is diminished. We believe this will increase overall health care costs to our members.

NFIB OPPOSES HB 4010