

March 19, 2013

Representative Michael Dembrow  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, H-487  
Salem, OR 97301

Representative Jennifer Williamson  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, H-372  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representatives Dembrow and Williamson:

I want to express my support for Senate Bill 3260, which would allow the Oregon Health Authority to conduct a study or contract with a third party to study options for efficient spending on healthcare in Oregon.

Because of the increasing costs of healthcare to the state, we must look at all financing options to provide the best care for our constituents. A number of studies such as the one proposed have been conducted nationally and in other states. None, however, address the specific issue of their effects on Oregon patients, Oregon's economy, or Oregon's physicians and providers. With Oregon spending \$30 billion annually on health care, it is important that we use the money in a financially prudent way, and get the most for our money.

Oregon has shown we are willing to confront challenges other states continue to shirk. I believe that this bill will not only give legislators smart options for what will be a huge portion of state funding, but also promote healthier communities for tomorrow. This study costs taxpayers nothing but can potentially save them millions of dollars in health care spending in years to come. It may even save their lives and the lives of their family members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ginny Burdick