



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Testimony in support of HB3260

Chair Greenlick, members of the committee:

For the record, my name is Jennifer Williamson, I represent House District 36-Portland's Westside. And I am pleased to have a hearing on HB 3260.

Oregon is leading the way nationally in transforming the way we deliver health care in our state. We have been willing to design and implement new systems and face challenges head-on. HB 3260 is a continuation of Oregon's bold leadership in health care.

In the past 20 years, both public and private entities have conducted at least 27 economic studies comparing single payer financing to other health care delivery methods in the US, including 9 national and 18 state studies.

However, none of these address the unique concerns of our state. It is important that a single payer study be conducted that is specific to Oregon's current, as well as future needs. Oregon is already committed to moving forward to create a health care system that is affordable and accessible; the results of this study can only help Oregon continue to make intelligent health care decisions.

I urge your support.

