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HB 2348-1

Testimony of Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall, Vice-Chair of the Association of Oregon Counties Human Services Steering Committee

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to discuss the importance of public health as a driver in achieving the triple-aim and developing a vision of its future in Oregon. Public health in Oregon is truly a shared services system between federal, state and county governments. Together we provide resources to meet the needs and expectations of the public. The federal government provides funding along with the state through the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division. The Local Public Health Divisions in the counties provide direct prevention interventions to residents and visitors, and clinical services to vulnerable populations.

Transformations

During the past three years Local Public Health Departments have been working diligently to support Health Care Transformation and the development of CCOs. Across the state Local Public Health departments have engaged with their local CCO to provide expertise around community-based prevention services and programs. While extremely challenging public health continues to adapt and change to this ever transforming landscape.

It is important to remember that local public health not only services the CCO population, but the community as a whole. Whether the services are tobacco prevention, immunization, tracking of infectious diseases, restaurant inspections, the built environment or contraceptive care, public health provides resources that make the community as a whole healthier.



Task Force

With this ever transforming landscape it is important to gather a group of experts to discuss and develop a vision for the future of the public health system in Oregon. It is with that in mind that I support HB 2348-1. However, there are two suggested changes I would like to see to the bill:

1. The goal of the task force is to discuss the future of public health in Oregon. While that may include regionalization and consolidation in some areas, it should not be a required recommendation. The task force should be given the flexibility to highlight on any proposal that supports the most efficient future for public health in Oregon.
2. The timeframe for the deliverables is seems aggressive. The dates should be moved back in order for the task force to consider the on-going work of the Public Health Advisory Board's cross jurisdictional subcommittee efforts and to have sufficient time to adequately identify the upcoming challenges of public health. Then the task force should move on to addressing these challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. I am available for questions either through email or by phone.



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