



**Testimony in support of House Bill 2969**  
**To the Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services**  
**From Representative Betty Komp (House District 22)**  
**April 18, 2013**

**Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Kruse, Members of the Committee:**

For the record my name is Betty Komp and I represent House District 22, that's N. Salem, Gervais and Woodburn.

Thank you for the opportunity to present House Bill 2969.

In my community and in much of my District, when you call 9-1-1 with a medical emergency, as I have done, it is the local ambulance service -- Woodburn Ambulance Company -- that responds and transports the patient if necessary. I know several people who work at Woodburn Ambulance, including the co-owner and manager Shawn Baird, who is with me today.

I was surprised when my health insurer issued me the check for payment of the bill for the emergency service I had used. I paid Woodburn Ambulance, but regretfully, some people, whether intentionally or mistakenly, keep the money and do not pay.

Shawn doesn't just own and manage Woodburn Ambulance; he is also a paramedic. We need the emergency services that people like Shawn provide. House Bill 2969 is a simple bill that helps assure ambulance services, both public and private, are reimbursed for the vital and often life-saving services they provide.

Thank you.