

May 10, 2013

To: House Committee on Health Care  
From: Rochelle Murphy  
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Subject: **HB 2922 Testimony**

Dear Health Care Committee Members:

Why can't we have affordable, universal health care for all our residents as they have in France?

Last summer while on vacation in the south of France, I had the misfortune to fall and injure my leg. Luckily for me, I was transported by ambulance to a regional hospital and X-rays revealed a complex fracture of my left femur. I was told that immediate surgery was necessary and was operated on a few hours later by an excellent trauma surgeon who inserted a rod in my leg. During my eight days in the hospital, the surgeon visited every day. At the end of my hospital stay, one bill was issued for the equivalent of \$5040 covering the total cost for all my treatment and care – ambulance, x-rays, surgery, nursing care, room, food, blood transfusion, physical therapy, and medication. And, best of all, my orthopedist here at home was most impressed with the quality of my treatment.

Passage of HB 2922, the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan, is necessary in order for everyone in Oregon to receive the kind of health care they deserve without causing great financial hardship. By enacting this plan, Oregon could demonstrate to the rest of the country how to deliver quality affordable health care to all, as they do in other developed countries.

Sincerely,  
Rochelle Murphy