



## Columbia Pacific CCO

### Creating Health Together

Chair Garrett and Members of the House Rules Committee:

The Board of Columbia Pacific CCO urges you to **vote no on HB 3309**.

Columbia Pacific CCO is the OHP plan for approximately 15,000 Oregonians in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and parts of Douglas Counties.

The Columbia Pacific Board is strongly opposed to this legislation as it would put the volunteer efforts of our board members and their employers at great jeopardy when participating in the governance of our community CCO. HB 3309 will effectively deter collaboration between our providers and would put our entire board structure at risk. If this bill passes, board members could decide to resign their positions because of potential financial liability proposed within this measure.

HB 3309 pre-empts local control of CCOs. A foundational aspect of CCOs was that they would be formed locally and reflect the communities that they serve. This local control starts at the governance level. CCO boards should represent the community, diverse providers and stakeholders. If a CCO can lower rates on some providers by forcibly removing them from a board, underlying profit motives could drive boards with a majority interest by one provider to artificially lower costs by using this mechanism.

CCO Boards already can adopt processes for removing board members in bylaws, and Columbia Pacific has such bylaws. Further, Oregon law already provides for state removal of directors of corporate boards (for-profit and non-profit). This legislation is unnecessary.

Please vote no on HB 3309.