



MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Alan Bates, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Human Services
Rep. Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Human Services
Members of the committee

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Re: Support for HB 3260-A

The OMA supports HB 3260-A as a natural next step in Oregon's health care transformation. This bill requires that the OHA conduct a study to recommend the best option for financing health care in the state through the examination of at least four financing options.

In light of the many concurrent reforms happening at both the Federal and state level, conducting a comparative health care financing study of existing and new financing strategies makes sense. The results of this study could serve to strengthen the existing CCO system and ongoing efforts of Cover Oregon as well as identify other innovative strategies to provide cost-effective care to all Oregonians. Oregon

The OMA believes that this study should be a robust and well-funded assessment. A comparative analysis of the four options (or more) as included in the bill will make the survey robust. The OMA is concerned, however, that without unbiased funders, the survey results will not give Oregon viable financing options for cost-effective health care. The OMA would caution the committee and the OHA to consider how grants, gifts and other funds are solicited and accepted for this study.

The OMA encourages the committee to support HB 3260-A and ensure that the study is not only robust but also and well and appropriately funded so that it achieves an unbiased analysis of health care financing options that best serve all Oregonians.

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