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House Bill 2120—Impaired Health Professional Program

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Please accept this testimony on behalf of Northwest Permanente, P. C., Physicians and Surgeons, a multi-specialty group practice comprised of over 1,100 physicians and allied clinicians responsible for the medical care of Kaiser Permanente enrollees in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

House Bill 2120 proposes a change in current law concerning the Oregon Health Authority's impaired health professional program with regard to licensees who self-refer to the program. Because the program is a monitoring program, not a treatment program, we see no reason that licensees would refer themselves into the program and recommend that no action be action on the bill.

For the reasons explained in our testimony on HB 2124, we recommend that you use HB 2124 as the vehicle for 2013 legislative action concerning this program.

Thank you for your consideration.