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Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

Legacy Health supports House Bill 2092 with the proposed -4 amendment. The legislation codifies in statute the work of the Oregon Health Authority Injury and Violence Prevention Program.

Injury is the third leading cause of death for all Oregonians, behind only cancer and heart disease. It's the leading cause of death for Oregonians 1 to 44. It is also among the leading causes of hospitalization. Everyone is affected by injury, regardless of age, sex or race.

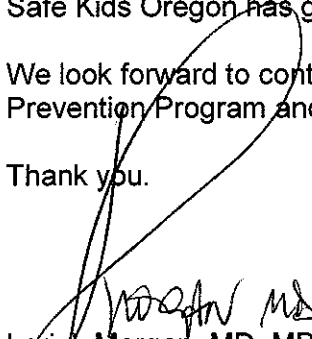
The majority of scientifically verified research conducted by public health injury prevention experts over the past 20 years has shown that injury is not only predictable, but in most cases it is preventable. Public health injury prevention interventions are a cost effective means to reduce the incidence and severity of injury resulting from accidents, suicide, homicide, abuse and neglect.

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center and Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel have six well-established and nationally recognized injury prevention programs. Together, our Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, Oregon Burn Center, Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services NW, Child Passenger Safety, Shaken Baby Prevention and The Safety Center reach over 140,000 families a year with life-saving and injury prevention education and low-cost safety products.

A long-standing and active partnership with the state's Injury and Violence Prevention Program provides a broader and more stable foundation from which our organization is able to provide these vital community services. We depend on the Injury and Violence Prevention Program for state injury epidemiologic expertise, data and technical assistance. Additionally, participation in Safe Kids Oregon has greatly enhanced all our injury prevention efforts.

We look forward to continuing this important partnership with Oregon's Injury and Violence Prevention Program and ask you to support House Bill 2092 with the -4 amendment.

Thank you.


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