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**Oregon Society of Physician Assistants supports
Tax Credit for Practice of Rural Medicine, SB 325**

The Oregon Society of Physician Assistants seeks to promote quality, cost effective, and accessible health care; to support the professional and personal development of Physician Assistants; and to advance the PA profession as well as the PA/MD team approach to health care.

With that in mind, OSPA supports Senate Bill 325. As Oregon endeavors to increase access to quality health care at reduced costs, Physician Assistants are part of the primary care workforce to achieve the goals of the Triple Aim. SB 325 will increase access to health care for Oregonians in rural and underserved populations.

The Tax Credit for Practice of Rural Medicine provides an incentive to health care providers who serve patients in rural Oregon. Oregon's rural health care providers often are alone in providing health care in such a community, working overtime and on thin margins to serve patients. This tax credit encourages providers to serve in rural communities by offering some relief from financial burdens associated with their cost of doing business.

OSPA encourages the members of the Joint Committee on Tax Credits to support Senate Bill 325.