

June 6, 2013

TO: Members of the Human Services Subcommittee on Ways & Means

SUBJECT: HB 3309

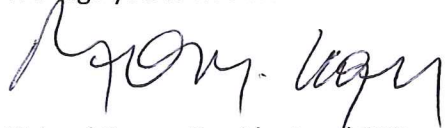
Dear Committee Members:

As a provider and a member of the Marion and Polk County CCO- Willamette Valley Community Health (WVCH), we respectfully request that you *oppose* the HB 3309A. The recent amendments increase our concern since we are a board member of the proposed CCO pilot.

- HB 3309 appropriates local control and decision making, which is supposedly a key feature for the CCO's creation, operation and future success. Most importantly, CCOs have their own bylaws that outline how the board should resolve its differences.
- HB 3309 not only allows for the removal of a CCO board member by two-thirds of fellow board members, but it also reduces reimbursement rate to the entity represented by the removed board member to 58% of Medicare. The terminated entity would be barred from contracting with that CCO for five years.
- Silverton Health serves a large number of Marion County's Spanish and Russian speaking community members. If we were no longer present at the WVCH Board, it could jeopardize the CCO's ability to fully represent the local community. This would put the CCO in violation of ORS 414.625 (2)(o) which is required for certification of a CCO.

We have been actively and enthusiastically participating in local healthcare transformation and the development of the WVHC and are committed to continuing our involvement. BUT, HB 3309 gives us great pause as we contemplate the risks associated with robust participation. As has been stated in previous communications, this bill is a bad solution for a situation that already has remedies.

We urge you to not move forward with HB3309A.



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