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Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
District 25: Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village

To: Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee
From: State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Date: February 25th, 2013

Re: Testimony in support of SB 539

Members of the Health Care Committee, as chair of this committee and a chief sponsor of this bill I am very happy to be testifying in support of SB 539. Under the Affordable Care Act, as of January 2014, no health plan in any market will be able to underwrite based on health status. It also excludes wellness programs in the individual market. However, the ACA *does* authorize a 10-state demonstration project for wellness programs in the individual market beginning no later than July of 2014.

SB 539 bill would require that DCBS work with OHA to come up with an application so that Oregon can be one of the 10 states in which market wellness programs are tested in the individual market under the ACA.

The financial incentives offered by market wellness programs have shown to improve life long health outcomes and save money in the long run. Oregon is leading the way with our health transformation; we should also be leading the way in figuring out how market wellness programs can empower Oregonians to make healthier choices.

I will let the panel provide you with an overview of this bill but I urge your support with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Monnes Anderson".

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
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