



February 3, 2014

Chair Mitch Greenlick
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

O4AD, the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities, is pleased to offer our support of HB 4108, which would institute a pilot project, to repurpose used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients. O4AD was an active participant in the process to develop this bill for the 2014 legislative session.

We hear about families everyday who have finished use of a piece of durable medical equipment and would like to offer it for donation to be used by another individual. However, there has not been a process in place that would facilitate this type of re-purposing to the benefit of individuals in need. As a volunteer pilot project, durable medical equipment would be repurposed but not with the intent of replacing new equipment. Instead, a pilot offers time to study the potential for repurposing within a limited area of the state to demonstrate the capacity of this type of program for the future.

Families who are facing medical crisis often need many forms of assistance. The ability to help them gain access to the equipment that can make it possible for an individual to remain in their home and community is a worthwhile use of time and effort to study.

Thank you for your support of HB 4108. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Nicole Palmateer
O4AD
503.428.6228
nicole@o4ad.org

O4AD works to protect the independence, dignity, choice and safety of Oregon's seniors and people with disabilities. Area Agencies on Aging, our members, provide long-term care services statewide including Older Americans Act programs, home delivered meals, ADRC services, Medicaid services in many areas and Oregon Project Independence statewide. O4AD's members are responsible for service provision to the largest majority of seniors and people with disabilities in the state.

www.o4ad.org

Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities. PO Box 2777. Salem, OR 97308