

To: Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

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RE: SB 1523

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

As Oregon's only public academic health center, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) is committed to engaging in scientific evidence-based practices. OHSU consistently supports insurance coverage for Oregonians of those treatments that are evidence-based and scientifically sound. With respect to OHSU's own employee benefit plan, we regularly review employee benefits through an extensive process conducted by our Employee Benefit Council.

OHSU was not involved in the drafting of SB 1523; however, OHSU's employee benefit plan already has been and will continue to be in full compliance with Oregon's Mental Health Parity Act and the Oregon's Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders mandate. Additionally, OHSU will begin including coverage of Applied Behavior Analysis treatment in 2015 consistent with the requirements set forth in SB 365 (2013) for other self-insured public plans. Therefore, OHSU's benefit plan currently complies with all requirements contained in SB 1523 irrespective of whether it passes this session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on OHSU's employee benefit plan. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Dan Forbes