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RE: SB 1539 *Imposing Restrictions on Fail-First Protocols*

Dear Members of the Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Oregon Society of Medical Oncology (OSMO) in support of SB 1539, *Imposing Restrictions on Fail-First Protocols*.

OSMO represents the majority of oncologists in the state of Oregon. Our mission is to promote the highest professional standards of Oncology in the state of Oregon and to protect patient access to high quality cancer care to all citizens of Oregon.

On behalf of our members and their patients, OSMO supports the SB1539 as an important step towards protecting the physician-patient relationship and ensuring that cancer patients in the state of Oregon have access to appropriate high quality cancer care.

SB 1539 will help to ensure that physicians' evidence-based clinical decision-making is preserved by requiring that payers follow reasonable guidelines for utilization of step-therapy protocols.

OSMO is requesting that you support SB 1539

Sincerely,

Sean T. Hehn, MD

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