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to improve health care and health

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House Health Care Committee Members:

We Can Do Better (WCDB) would like to extend our support to HB2294: Oregon Health Information Technology (OHIT) Program and HIT Oversight Council (HITOC).

We Can Do Better, formerly known as the *Archimedes Movement*, was founded by Governor Kitzhaber in 2006. It is a non-profit organization that engages citizens in identifying barriers and solutions to improving health and health care for all.

In 2013, WCDB convened a consortium of seven major health systems and medical groups in Oregon and Vancouver, Washington, to facilitate the adoption OpenNotes. OpenNotes gives patients secure access to their providers' notes through an internet portal connected to their electronic health record (EHR). Because of this effort, an estimated one million patients in Oregon and Southwest Washington now have the capability to electronically access their providers' EHR notes.

We Can Do Better recognizes that a sound HIT infrastructure, such as that proposed in Oregon HB2294, is required to achieve the health care transformation goals of the Triple Aim and allow the vision of the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) to come to fruition. A sound HIT infrastructure, as proposed in HB2294, can improve patient access to medical care through the use of internet portals. It can also improve patient engagement in their medical care by providing them transparent access to their EHR information, which includes care delivery plans and proper use of medications.

We Can Do Better has also been a supporter of the Data Collection Standards bill HB2134 that was passed last session. In order for the goals of HB2134 to be achieved, a sound HIT infrastructure needs to be achieved by all clinicians in Oregon so that we can have a full picture of the health of our state.

Sincerely,

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