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Health Share of Oregon Comments on HB 2294

Members of the House Committee on Health:

Health Share of Oregon is the state's largest Medicaid coordinated care organization (CCO), serving more than 235,000 Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. Our organization was founded and continues to be governed by eleven familiar health care organizations serving OHP members. We are writing in support of HB 2294.

HB 2294 would establish the Oregon Health Information Technology (HIT) program within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA); grant the OHA flexibility in partnering with HIT stakeholders; and place Oregon's HIT Oversight Committee (HITOC) under the authority of the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB). It is important for the OHA to be able to participate in collaborative HIT arrangements with other health care organizations on behalf of the OHP. This will allow the OHA to set up platforms for health care information sharing that will improve the ability of health care systems to coordinate health care statewide.

While the OHA has had difficulty adjusting archaic internal OHP enrollment and payment technology to the new coordinated care model, concerns with that technology are unrelated to the health information technology policy changes contained in this legislation, and we are not concerned with the OHA's ability to modernize the HIT program. We request your support for HB 2294.

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