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The Honorable Mitch Greenlick
Chair, House Health Care Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2294, Oregon's Health Information Technology program

Dear Representative Greenlick and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services is a leader in the use and adoption of health information technology and exchange. Over the past year we have been engaged in a number of discussions with the Oregon Health Authority about a long-term, statewide HIT/HIE development strategy and support the Oregon Health Information Technology program established by HB 2294.

Health care providers across Oregon, including Providence, have invested countless resources to integrate systems within our organizations and collaborate with other health care providers as appropriate. Additionally, many existing OHA programs share the objectives outlined in the bill including "support improved health outcomes," "promote accountability and transparency" and "support new payment methods." It is essential that the Oregon Information Technology Program leverage this public and private work already underway and not duplicate it.

Providence would encourage OHA to continue a robust dialogue with providers and payers. This communication will be beneficial to ensuring alignment and affordability of fees that the state intends to charge entities and individuals utilizing these services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theron Park".

Theron Park
Chief Executive, Delivery System
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