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The Oregon Business Association Urges More Work on House Bill 2468.

The Oregon Business Association (OBA) generally supports the goal of HB2468, which we understand to be to make provider network selection more transparent to consumers.

While we appreciate the progress made so far on this bill to remove elements not germane to the issue at hand, such as regulation of drug formularies, as well as other clarifications of the bill as represented by the Insurance Division's Dash-1 amendment, we believe *HB2468 requires further work before being sent to the floor.*

Our primary concern is that the broad rulemaking authority granted in Section 2 to establish "factors" in approval of provider networks, is extremely vague. "Transparency," for example, can have many meanings in a health care context.

We strongly believe that achieving improvements in health care quality and reduction of long-term health costs trends will require continued evolution of payment and delivery system reforms, including different insurance network and provider-payer contract arrangements than typically exist today. Broad and vague rulemaking authority easily could result in rules that, intentionally or unintentionally, interfere with provider network innovations that our members strongly have encouraged over the past several years and which we are beginning to see develop in Oregon.

We urge the Health Care Committee to defer action on this bill, and to encourage the Insurance Division to continue to work with stakeholders to clarify the language and intent of the bill.

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