



## **PacificSource Testimony in Support of HB 2395**

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Chair Greenlick and members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 2395.

PacificSource is an independent, not for profit health plan, based in Oregon. We serve commercial, Medicaid and Medicare lives and are the contracted Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) in Central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge. We are members of the Oregon Health Leadership Council, which is represented by 30 major healthcare organizations and committed to working on initiatives and policies that advance better health, better care and lower costs.

HB 2395 contains essential components in a Medicaid funding approach, crafted in partnership between the Leadership Council and the State. It assures continued momentum and investment in service to the Medicaid transformation efforts underway. The CCO framework is demonstrating early positive outcomes in several key areas including reduced emergency department utilization, better management of patients with complex health needs and uptake of Patient Centered Primary Care Homes. We believe these early successes are attributed to the CCO's unique model:

- Community level governance and decision-making
- Consumer engagement
- Integration of physical, behavioral and oral healthcare
- Prevention focus
- Alternative payment approaches that target positive health outcomes and;
- Transparency.

We also know that moving away from an opaque system based on fee for service, dis-integrated care, disengaged consumers and troubling health outcomes – takes time, focus and sustained commitment. Over the past few years, the House Health Committee has provided significant vision and stewardship of the state's transformation efforts. We urge you to continue your commitment and unanimously support HB 2395, as part of a thoughtfully crafted Medicaid funding approach.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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