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*TESTIMONY BY SENATOR PETER COURTNEY*

*SUPPORTING SB 7*

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Chair Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Jeff Kruse, members of the Senate Committee on Healthcare, thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Peter Courtney. I am a State Senator. I live in NE Salem.

I've come before you today to support Senate Bill 7. This measure would hold Oregon Health Authority to the same contracting codes as other state agencies.

While working on fixing Cover Oregon, we found that some of their controversial technology contracts were actually through OHA. We want to close these exemptions. By making OHA contract under the Public Contracting Code and under the supervision of Oregon Department of Administrative Services, we can ensure more oversight and accountability.

This is a very wonky, very technical bill. I brought Lorey Freeman from LC with me today to detail it. What lies underneath the technical jargon and agency initials is a solid, necessary, good government bill. I urge your support.

Thank you, Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice-Chair Kruse, and members of the Healthcare Committee for hearing my testimony today.