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The Senate Committee on Health Care
c/o The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 2560 A – Relating to Colorectal Cancer Screening

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2560 A. ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. We support evidence based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer.

It is estimated that in 2015 more than 1,510 Oregonians will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than 670 will die from the disease. Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer, and thousands lives could be saved with routine colorectal cancer screening.

Oregon law requires private insurance plans to cover all colorectal cancer screenings for adults 50 to 75 years in accordance with United States Preventive Services Task Force guidelines, with no cost sharing to the patient. However, patients who have a positive fecal test are often hit with expensive cost sharing on the follow-up colonoscopy, which may deter many Oregonians from getting screened.

ACS CAN has worked in cooperation with the bill's chief sponsor, Representative Greenlick, and his colleagues to ensure any positive follow-up fecal test are included in coverage. HB 2560 A would provide follow-up colonoscopy coverage for any positive fecal test and ensure patients have access to timely, appropriate, and affordable follow-up care, completing the colorectal cancer screening continuum.

Madame Chair and Committee members, we appreciate the committee's willingness to work with Representative Greenlick and ACS CAN to ensure HB 2560 A is comprehensive, providing all individuals -- no matter which colorectal cancer screening test they receive -- access to lifesaving screenings and urge your support of HB 2560 A.

Once again, thank you.

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