



## PacificSource Supports SB 648

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Chair Greenlick and members of the House Health Care Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 648.

PacificSource is an independent, not-for-profit and Oregon-based health plan, serving commercial, Medicare and Medicaid members. PacificSource Community Solutions is the contracted entity for the Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) in Central Oregon and the Columbia Gorge and a founding member of the Central Oregon Health Council.

The Central Oregon Health Council, a non-profit that formed in 2009 and was codified in statute through the passage of SB 204 in 2011, predates the implementation of Oregon's CCO's statewide. It is a model of diverse stakeholders joining together in service to improved community health through collaborative efforts and community decision making. The Council works in partnership with PacificSource Community Solutions, to fulfill the governance functions for the CCO.

While SB 204 included a sunset date of 2016, we firmly believe that the Council has been central to many of the early successes experienced within the CCO. SB 648 leaves many of the core elements of SB 204 intact, while seeking to align more effectively with the needs and requirements of the CCO and the community.

SB 648 seeks to do the following:

- Increase the number of Board members from 11 to 15.
- Allow Board members to serve multiple terms.
- Allow that the COHC may manage one Community Advisory Council (CAC) to satisfy the requirements of ORS 414-625(1)(i).
- Clarify that the Regional Health Assessment and Regional Health Improvement Plan fulfill the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) requirements for the CCO.

PacificSource Community Solutions and its' members benefit from a robust and authentic community voice and we strongly support the extension of the Central Oregon Health Council and urge your support and passage of SB 648.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Stevens".

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