



## **PacificSource Testimony on SB 93**

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Chair Lively and members of the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on SB 93. 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're engaged in the far-reaching changes underway and have been actively involved in advancing the state's goals toward better health, better care and lower costs.

We are now in support of SB 93, after long negotiations on the Senate side. The bill was amended to require health plans to provide reimbursement of generic drugs for up to a 90-day supply. We had several concerns with the underlying bill that would require health plans to reimburse up to a 60-day supply of a prescription drug, creates unintended consequences that will serve to drive up healthcare costs. We believe, If that language was passed, patients will be likely to receive a 60 day prescription for a new medication, without knowing whether or not they are able to tolerate it and with the outcome of leaving a lot of medication unused. In addition, patients who are transitioning off a health plan, or Medicaid recipients who experience frequent churn, are likely to fill 60 day supplies just before the termination date, leaving the health plan with higher costs and no additional premium dollars coming in.

After careful consideration, we support SB93, as amended and we encourage you not to make any additional changes to the bill. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ken Provencher,  
President and CEO, PacificSource