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Chair Mitch Greenlick
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 4030 and conceptual amendments

Dear Chair Greenlick and the House Committee on Health Care:

The Oregon Fire Chief's Association is pleased to have been a part of the coalition of public agencies and associations working on the ground emergency medical transport reimbursement opportunity. The OFCA is now proud to endorse HB 4030. This bill will provide a significant improvement to the current state of public transport funding in Oregon.

For years, the fire service has been an integral piece of Oregon's health care system, particularly in the pre-hospital setting. This legislation will help to address those needs and provide necessary stability for the public emergency transport system.

HB 4030 allows Oregon to move forward in obtaining additional Federal reimbursement for Medicaid patients who need emergency transport. This program has been adopted in other states and it will bring important resources that help mitigate the gap currently in place for public emergency medical transport providers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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