



February 2, 2016

Senate Committee on Rules  
c/o Senator Diane Rosenbaum, Chair  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1522

Oregon Bioscience Association ("Oregon Bio") represents biotech companies throughout Oregon developing critical life saving drugs, advanced health-care technologies, and cutting edge medical devices. Oregon Bio supports Oregon's bioscience community through networking, educational programs, enterprise support, advocacy, and the enhancement of research collaboration. Today, we urge support for SB 1522 to raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis and the patients battling this challenging genetic disorder.

Far too many Oregonians suffer from the effects of Cystic Fibrosis and most of those facing this disease will lose their fight as young people. As a relatively rare condition, it is difficult to raise public awareness about Cystic Fibrosis and we want to support those families living every day with this disease. For many rare and genetic conditions, finding both private and public resources to develop new treatments, and ultimately, a cure is a challenge. Several Oregon Bio member companies are working in this field to find new approaches to understanding, treating and curing Cystic Fibrosis.

As the collective voice for the bioscience community on behalf of Oregon's bioscience companies, Oregon Bio is responsible for communicating the industry's impact, issues and challenges to the public sector, educators and the general public. We ask you to join us in supporting SB 1522 and those battling Cystic Fibrosis.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

Dennis McNannay  
Executive Director

Cc: Erin Sieler, Committee Administrator