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The Honorable Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Committee on Healthcare
900 Court St. NE, H-493
Salem, Oregon 97301

Representative Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Healthcare:

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners is supportive of Oregon House Bill 4030 which requires the Oregon Health Authority to amend the Medicaid state plan to increase reimbursement to public providers of emergency medical services. We are committed to ensuring that our residents receive quality emergency medical services and expect that our providers are compensated appropriately.

Under the provisions of this bill, an emergency medical services provider is eligible to receive supplemental reimbursement for the cost of providing services to an Oregon Health Plan member. This supplemental reimbursement added to the payment for the emergency medical service is reasonable since it may not exceed the provider's actual costs for the service.

For these reasons, we support the passage of House Bill 4030.

Sincerely,

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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c: Senators Ted Ferrioli, Tim Knopp, and Doug Whitsett
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