



Testimony on House Bill 2122

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Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Nurses Association applauds your efforts to continue to strengthen Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations. Oregon's nurses remain committed to successfully transforming our health care delivery system with the ultimate goals of improving population health, improving access to care and quality of care, and controlling unsustainable health care costs. We believe HB 2122 is a step in the right direction.

ONA represents more than 14,000 nurses across Oregon who work in nearly every health care setting. We are proud to continue to participate in Oregon's health care transformation discussions taking place.

ONA encourages continued discussions in the following areas:

- **Governance:** Coordinated Care Organizations can most effectively serve their communities when they maintain a robust community governance structure. ONA supports the provisions in HB 2122 to limit the number of board members who share in financial risk, include providers, requiring at least 50 percent of the board be members of the community at large, and hold governing bodies accountable to Oregon's open meeting laws.
- **Non-profit tax status:** ONA believe requiring Oregon's CCOs to be non-profit organization will improve the quality of care that is delivered as well as members' experience of care. Non-profit entities are not held accountable to shareholder, but rather their mission. The non-profit provision in HB 2122 will allow can focus solely on improving access, providing high quality care, and keeping costs down.
- **Reserves:** ONA encourages the legislature to take a serious look at requiring CCOs to reinvest a reasonable and set percentage of their margin back into the local communities they serve, with the goal of improving population health. As nurses, ONA members recognize investing in upstream public health and social determinates of health solutions is vital to improving population health.

ONA urges your continued conversation on these important topics.