



TO: The Oregon House Committee on Health Care
FR: Basic Rights Oregon
DA: March 3, 2017
RE: Testimony in Support of Affordable Prescription Drug Pricing Legislation

Chair Greenlick and members of the committee,

Basic Rights Oregon urges your support for legislation this session, including HB 2387, that would address the high cost of prescription drugs.

Basic Rights Oregon works to ensure that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Oregonians experience equality. Increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare is a key part of our mission. In Oregon, we are remaking our health care system for better health, better care and lower costs. But the high price of prescription drugs is threatening every health care budget in the state--public and private. Unaffordable and unpredictable prescription drug prices affect everyone, including members of the LGBTQ community.

Basic Rights Oregon appreciates the comprehensive approach of HB 2387 to address high drug prices in our state. This is an approach that will give immediate and real protection to consumers from steep and sudden price increases, bring transparency to drug pricing, and give payers more predictability and sustainability without sacrificing access. We need all three of these elements to truly bring down the price of prescription drugs.

We hope that you will join us in support of legislation that will address these issues this session. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Nancy Haque" and the second is "Amy Herzfeld-Copple".

Nancy Haque & Amy Herzfeld-Copple
Co-Executive Directors