

Testimony submitted via email.

The Valley Aids Information Network, based in Benton County, exists to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis-C by providing community educational and support programs.

I write to express my concerns with HB 2387. The problems with our health care system costs and how they impact patients living with disease are too many and too complicated for any single correspondence. As you know there a wide variety of factors that contribute to drug costs and any solution that seeks to address the problem must address all the factors. We should have transparency for all actors; all actors should be compelled to revise practices in order to enhance patient access and outcomes. Why then does HB 2387 only focus on the manufacturers? What then about insurance companies; what then about PBMs?

The Oregon Legislature is to be congratulated for trying to tackle this issue but also warned that solutions designed to lower drug costs should not negatively impact the amazing research being done here in Oregon to develop better treatments, nor should it limit patient access to those treatments. OHSU is moving towards an HIV Vaccine. That is just one example of amazing Oregon work that could change the world. This work and research should not be impeded and concerns abound that HB 2387 might impede.

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