

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Representative Greenlick,

I am writing you today in opposition to HB 2664 and related amendments. HB 2664 would set up an entirely new system of health care delivery in our state and has not had the proper process to address issues around patient safety, need-based analysis, and potential detrimental effects on the health care system. Asante has both rural and urban hospitals in communities with one or with two hospitals. This bill, as written, would have a devastating impact on our hospitals ability to continue to provide a full range of health care services to our communities.

All hospitals have not been part of this bill's development and thus cannot support it. While changes have been made to the current bill they do not go far enough to ensure clarity around the policy merits of this new model in the interest of patient safety and health delivery stability.

Instead of passing this bill, I respectfully urge you to align with the Oregon Association of Hospital and Health Systems' proposal to create a process, led by the Legislative Research Office and the Oregon Health Authority, which would lead to a fully-vetted and universally-supported bill for the 2018 Legislative Session; a process that has not previously occurred.

In these uncertain times in health care, we must act very carefully and ensure that any changes reinforce our system and do not lead to unintended consequences. HB 2664, as written, will lead to unintended consequences that will have a negative impact on our patients.

Thank you for your full consideration of this very important patient care concern.

Sincerely,

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