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House Health Committee
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

St. Charles Health System is writing today to strongly encourage you to lend support for HB 3085, currently before the legislature.

HB 3085 establishes a Health Care Professional Training Fund. With the oversight of the Oregon Health Policy Board and the OHA, this bill will help to set health professional training priorities and provide supplemental funding. Approval of this bill will allow progress to be made in enhancing the training capacity for additional health care providers within Oregon.

Here in Central Oregon we recognize the importance of expanding graduate medical education opportunities within our state, and increasing the number of exceptional medical providers available for care delivery. HB 3085 will be a positive step towards providing the in-state training required to improve primary care access in our communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer R. Welander", is written over the typed name.

Jennifer R. Welander
Chief Financial Officer
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