

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. Key significant issues are around patient safety, need-based analysis, and potential detrimental effects on the health care system. The legislature must insure they are creating a system that would be safe for all Oregonians and to all citizens would have access regardless of insurance coverage.

All hospitals have not been part of this bill's development. As such we feel it sets up a flawed new model for care in our state. And 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 urge you to align with the Oregon Association of Hospital and Health Systems' proposal to create a workgroup, 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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