

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Representative Greenlick,

I am writing to urge support for House Bill 2664 to allow a limited pilot project of extended patient stays at ambulatory surgery centers in Oregon. The bill seems very reasonable, with several major concessions to hospitals. I perform approximately 300 surgeries per year at NW Ambulatory Surgery Center, also located within your district. Patient safety is our first priority and our outcomes/safety statistics speak for themselves. In over 4000 cases last year, we had only 3 or 4 post operative infections, 3 transfers to a higher level of care (hospital), and 2 or 3 unexpected returns to the operating room. Among these 4000 cases are many total joint arthroplasties, a procedure traditionally requiring a multi-night hospital stay. As you know, surgery in an ASC setting is far more cost effective than in a hospital setting.

Please support HB 2664.

Thank you,

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