

Testimony submitted via email.

Representative Hack,

I would urge you to reconsider your position on HB 2664. Oregon can no longer afford to not fully utilize our ambulatory surgery centers. Oregon's ASCs have a proven track record of providing lower cost, high quality care. Expanding their scope of practice in a measured step makes sense, especially considering Oregon's budgetary shortfall. I was in the committee meeting last week but had to leave thinking the bill would be tabled to a later date. That was most unfortunate. After speaking with Mr. Riggs and Ms. Hoover later that day and reading the Lund Report's article [Asante and Salem Health Swoop in for Attempted Kill of ASC Expansion Bill](#) today, I was disturbed at the testimony given at the hearing. The stake holders have been talking for months and making good progress in their work groups until last week when the Hospital Association apparently reversed its position.

I am the Administrator at River Road Surgery Center in Salem Oregon. We provide specialized ENT surgical services for all Salem's residents – regardless of insurance coverage. Our surgeons built this facility off campus nearly eighteen years ago after failing to successfully negotiate to build on Salem Hospital grounds. Nonetheless, we have a good relationship with the hospital and fully understand the need for such a relationship. We would be honored to have you tour our facility and demonstrate how a well-conceived, well run ambulatory surgery center can reduce health care costs, improve patient safety and earn high patient satisfaction scores.

If I may be of any assistance in this matter, please contact me. We have to move more surgical services out of high cost, complex facilities where ever and whenever possible. HB 2664 is a sound first step.

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