



Testimony on House Bill 2122

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Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Nurses Association applauds the legislature's efforts to continue to strengthen Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations. ONA represents nearly 15,000 nurses across Oregon who work in nearly every care setting and we remain committed to successfully transforming our health care delivery system with the ultimate goals of improving population health, improving access to care and quality of care, and controlling unsustainable health care costs. We believe HB 2122 with the -A14 amendments will increase CCO accountability and transparency and strengthen tools to improve health outcomes through innovative models.

As we continue health care transformation, it's vital that Oregon continue to move away from the fee-for-service model to promote more holistic care through alternative payment models. The -A14 amendments require the Oregon Health Authority to take a more active role in helping CCOs design plans to fully utilize alternative payment methodologies so that CCOs can meet prescribed benchmarks in this area by 2023.

In addition, ONA believes requiring Oregon's CCOs to be community-driven, non-profit organizations will improve the quality of care that is delivered as well as members' experience of care. Non-profit entities are not held accountable to shareholders, but rather their mission, and therefore can focus solely on improving access, providing high quality care, and keeping costs down. ONA also supports the provisions in HB 2122 that will require compliance with Oregon's open meeting laws, include providers as board members and require at least 50 percent of the board be members of the community at large.

As nurses, ONA members recognize that investing in upstream public health and social determinates of health solutions is vital to improve population health. This is why we support HB 2122-14 to reinvest a reasonable and set percentage of profit margin back into local communities, increase transparency and accountability, and improve access to integrated care.

ONA urges your continued dedication to improving Coordinated Care Organizations and support of HB 2122-A14.