

## OPPOSE THE COST SHIFTING IN SB 1067

### Health Care Cost Shift; NOT Cost Containment

- The business community, consumer advocates, and health care providers oppose the shift of cost found in SB 1067.
- SB 1067 would set in statute the rates paid to providers by the insurance plans who contract with PEBB and OEBC to provide public employee health benefits.
- SB 1067 purports to “contain the costs” of health care for public employees. The impact of this “cost containment” will merely shift nearly \$200 million onto Oregonians, small businesses, and others buying commercial health insurance through higher premiums.
- Medicare amounts are derived for the purpose of reimbursing medical services for the elderly and disabled based on federal budgetary and regulatory constraints.
- Not only do Medicare rates fluctuate based on variables unrelated to the services provided, such as the federal budget, the rates have not even kept pace with general inflation costs.
- Long term containment of health care expenses is feasible through effective employee incentives, community health investments and ensuring patients get the right level of care in the right setting. SB 1067 does nothing to actually reduce overall health care costs.
- PEBB and OEBC Boards should utilize the wide range of tools available at their disposal to live within the growth cap instead of this draconian approach.

Please join the following organizations in OPPOSING SB 1067

