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Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield, and Members of the Subcommittee,

I hope you are well. Yesterday during the public hearing on HB 3276A, there were questions posed that I did not have the information at my fingertips to answer. I've since reached out to the director of UO's University Health Center and have the following information to provide. If you have further questions or would like any follow-up information, I'd be happy to set up a meeting or facilitate a call with our health care folks.

As I stated in the subcommittee, the University of Oregon is committed to ensuring that no student feels they cannot seek health care because of fear of cost. We look forward to working with OHA, DCBS, and others during the interim on this task force to reduce barriers to insurance coverage and keep our student populations healthy and learning.

Students with coverage under an HMO generally have a more difficult time getting their limited networks to cover vaccines in outbreak situations. UO has direct experience with this from the most recent meningococemia outbreak. Additionally, the CCOs which manage Oregon Health Plan function in a similar manner to HMOs with limited portability. Other students who present with limited functional insurance are those students coming from out of state with HMO plans or those students who have chosen for various reasons to forego coverage and face the risk of sanctions.

Many students from out of state (including those in foster care, those with out-of-state Medicaid, and other students with HMO coverage and/or high deductible plans members), do not have portable insurance and/or their insurance coverage is so inadequate that they essentially have no functional insurance. UO's University Health Center offers subsidized care to students that cannot use their insurance. Furthermore, we assist those who are eligible so they can attain Oregon Health Plan Coverage through the state 'Assistors' program. We also offer a University-sponsored, self-insured plan that is significantly lower cost than privately offered, comparable plans to all UO students.

Best,

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