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To: Rep Parrish <Rep.JulieParrish@oregonlegislature.gov>;

Madam Chair, members of the committee,

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

My name is Cedric Hayden, State Representative for House District 7. I am here to oppose the -10 amendment to HB 229. This amendment will change the relationship between voters and their legislature. Legislators are elected by the voter to uphold their rights not circumvent the current law they were elected to uphold. The -10 will do just that by changing the referendum process. Yesterday a press release was put out that attempted to explain the rationale for the -10 based HB 2391 and its alternative HB3467. This explanation defies logic because HB 2391 had not yet been signed into law and HB3467 is still in Revenue Committee. The -10 would apply to all legislation not just one potential bill. The press release does however make HB 2391 and HB3467 germane to this testimony. When HB 2391 was carried on the floor by Rep. Rayfield supported HB 2391 which taxes healthcare on college students, non profits, small business and others. In his closing he went on to explain HB 3467 funding did not add up. Did he read the bill? Did the author of the press release read HB 3467? I have provided on OLIS the funding calculations in HB 3467 go ahead check my math, better yet have an hearing on it. As you can see HB 3467 provides full funding of Medicaid in the first and second year of the biennium however it does require funding reconciliation after the first year. This reconciliation would be based on SOS audit and eligibility redetermination. It would also allow for recoupment of funds up to 85 million if enrollment reduction forecasts by OHA are less than actual enrollment reductions.

I believe Oregonians have a basic right to affordable healthcare and the taxation of healthcare premiums should be off limits. I urge the committee to oppose the -10 amendments, the Governor to veto HB 2391 and request hearings on HB 3467. This approach would resolve Medicaid stability concerns, make healthcare more affordable to ratepayers, retain voters right to a reasonable check and balance of legislation while keeping me from joining the referendum petition on HB 2391 if signed into law.

Thank you for your time

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