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House Health Care Committee [HB 2303]

Good afternoon Chair Greenlick and members of the committee.

My name is David Simnitt and I am the Health Policy Director at the Oregon Health Authority. I am here today to testify in support of House Bill 2303.

This is the Health Policy and Analytics Division's housekeeping bill. As written, it does three things:

First, this bill changes the due date for CCOs to submit primary care spend data, as required by Senate Bill 231, from December 31st to October 1st. That change will allow the Oregon Health Authority the time necessary to produce and validate the annual primary care spending report.

Second, the bill removes statutory references to the Office of Health Policy and Research and replaces them with the Health Policy and Analytics Division – the place in the Oregon Health Authority where these responsibilities now reside.

Finally, changes in Section 6 of the bill would give specific authority to the Health Policy and Analytics Division to collect certain data from hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. I would like to note, however, that we are working on an amendment that would eliminate these changes to Section 6, and will also introduce some additional proposed changes to this bill. That amendment is forthcoming.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2303 today. I'm happy to answer any questions.