



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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February 5, 2018

To: House Health Care Committee
Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Vice Chair
Representative Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair

Re: **HB 4018** – Coordinated Care Organizations - **Support**

The League of Women Voters has a national position to promote a health care system that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all residents and controls health care costs.

The Coordinated Care Organization Model has been implemented to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients in the State of Oregon. Since its inception, CCOs have received state funding to operate clinics to provide health care and to submit billing and financial data to the Oregon Health Authority. Local boards for the CCOs provide oversight and management of resources. Public funds are entrusted to the CCO Boards along with the expectation of good stewardship of these resources.

The transparency of the individual organizations has varied and in one case resources were taken as a profit from the organization. Since the CCOs are funded with public monies, the public has a reasonable expectation that these monies will be safeguarded and used for health care services or community determinates of health to prevent or promote the health of its members.

In order to be transparent, the CCOs can be required to have open board meetings so the public can monitor the financial health of the local organization and its planning for use of resources for staffing levels, space and equipment purchases, and community improvement plans. The League supports the new requirements that at least one member of the governing body represents on organization that shares in the financial risk, and two other community at-large members serve on the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Norman Turrill
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Karen Nibler
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