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Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Health Care Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 4005

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of the nearly 22,000 members of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) in support of the prescription drug price transparency bill, House Bill (HB) 4005.

OSEA represents employees working in Oregon school districts, community colleges, education service districts, Head Start agencies, libraries and park and recreation districts. The annual median income for OSEA members working throughout the state of Oregon is just over \$21,000 and our members are sometimes forced to make the difficult decision to fill a prescription or buy groceries. These are decisions that Oregonians should not have to make.

HB 4005 the prescription drug price transparency bill, among other things requires prescription drug manufacturers to report prices of prescription drugs and costs associated with developing and marketing prescription drugs. It also gives the Department of Consumer and Business Services the authority to impose civil penalties on drug manufacturers that do not comply.

OSEA supports policies that promote and regulate the Oregon health care system in order to provide the best access to affordable and adequate health care for all Oregonians. We see the prescription drug transparency bill, HB 4005 as a first step in providing access to affordable prescription drugs and we urge the committees support.

Thank you,

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