

February 7, 2018

Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature

Re: HB 4018

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

OSPIRG supports HB 4018, a small but important step forward for Oregon's efforts to transform the health care system to contain costs, improve care and improve the health of Oregonians.

OSPIRG strongly supports the goals of Oregon's unique Coordinated Care Model, and we believe that HB 4018 will help make CCOs more genuinely responsive to consumer and community needs—and more accountable to Oregon taxpayers. By creating new transparency for CCOs and expanding CCO investment in efforts to address the social determinants of health, HB 4018 will help ensure that CCOs deliver on their promise to Oregonians.

HB 4018 will make Oregon's CCOs work better for consumers by:

- Creating more openness and accountability in CCO governance by ensuring public access to CCO board meetings where critical decisions are made about the uses of public dollars.
- Safeguarding taxpayer dollars by making sure that CCO funds are spent where they should be—on health care and efforts to improve the health of Oregonians—by requiring that at least a portion of CCO funds in excess of financial requirements are spent on efforts to address health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- Opening up CCO boards to enable broader community representation.

HB 4018 is a modest but necessary next step in Oregon's efforts to transform health care. This legislation will help empower local communities across the state to hold CCOs accountable for delivering on the promise of the Triple Aim, and we urge your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

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