



OREGON ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

**TO: Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
Members of House Healthcare Committee**

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RE: Support for HB 4020

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Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Healthcare,

The Oregon Association of Orthopedic Surgeons is a professional association comprised of over 150 orthopedic surgeons across the state. Our members strive to advance the highest quality of musculoskeletal care, and are passionate about promoting public policies that assure patient access to essential medical and surgical care.

The OAOS strongly supports HB 4020. Many of our member surgeons practice in, and own and operate, ambulatory surgery centers and have seen first-hand the benefits of providing care in such a location. The licensing of extended stay centers would increase the amount of patients who are able to safely receive care at ambulatory surgery centers.

HB 4020 is the result of years of negotiation and compromise, and it encompasses many important patient safety protections. This policy is very well vetted, and is largely modeled after successful programs in other states.

The Oregon Association of Orthopedic Surgeons respectfully urges your aye vote on HB 4020.

Thank you for your consideration.