



February 12, 2018

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 4020 – Ambulatory Surgery Center Extended Stay Centers

Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Health Care Committee,

St. Charles Health System, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to share our support of the amended version of House Bill 4020, which will allow certain Ambulatory Surgical Centers to establish an Extended Stay Center and provide expanded recovery services.

Creating a new health care facility in Oregon – ASC Extended Stay Centers – requires careful consideration to ensure patient safety and quality standards. St. Charles is supportive of the policy elements that balance innovation and regulation in HB 4020 including license eligibility, facility requirements and data reporting.

St. Charles has been an active participant in the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health System's process to inform policy development.

In closing, St. Charles appreciates the opportunity to inform the design of this new care model as one strategy for Oregon in achieving the Triple Aim. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the amended version of HB 4020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer R. Welander".

Jennifer R. Welander
Chief Financial Officer
St. Charles Health System, Inc.