



February 14, 2018

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: *Senate Concurrent Resolution 205 – Celebrating Dr. Joe Robertson for his career at Oregon Health and Science University*

Chair Ginny Burdick and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules:

The Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems appreciates the opportunity to share with the committee our support of SCR 205, celebrating the service of Joe Robertson, MD, to Oregon Health and Sciences University and Oregon more broadly.

Dr. Robertson is a deeply important colleague to the hospital association, and has been a guiding voice within our membership ranks during his time in the leadership of OHSU. We appreciate your recognition of his leadership, and want to add our voice to those publicly thanking Dr. Robertson for his service.

As you correctly note in SCR 205, Dr. Robertson's tenure in leadership at OHSU has been marked by a deepening and broadening of the services and importance of Oregon's only academic medical center. OHSU has rapidly become one of the nation's leading medical research centers, and a deeply respected academic institution, providing Oregon with both a point of pride and an important economic engine.

Despite the focus on research and academics, OHSU continued, under Dr. Robertson's leadership, to put the patient at the center all important decisions. We believe that Dr. Robertson's background in medicine instilled this value in him, along with his deep love for Oregon and the people of this state. To this end, he has repeatedly shown his deep dedication to the whole health care system in our state. Dr. Robertson was a key, visionary leader in our collective efforts to successfully transform our health care in our state.

Hospitals around the state, along with the patients they serve, have benefited greatly from Dr. Robertson's leadership. His vision, leadership, and strategic mind will be missed greatly as he steps down, but the values his patient-centered approach has helped instill in OHSU and indeed in Oregon's health care system will continue as part of his legacy.

On behalf of the 62 hospitals in Oregon, along with the millions of patients they serve, OAHHS adds our well-wishes and our gratitude to Dr. Robertson and respectfully urge your support of SCR 205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew S. Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Davidson
President and CEO
Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems