

February 26, 2018

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature

Re: HB 4018A

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

OSPIRG supports HB 4018A, 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. We believe that HB 4018A will help make Oregon's unique Coordinated Care Model more genuinely responsive to consumer and community needs—and more accountable to Oregon taxpayers.

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

- Creating more openness and accountability in CCO governance by ensuring public access to board meetings where critical decisions are made about the uses of public dollars and opening up CCO boards to enable broader community representation.
- Safeguarding taxpayer dollars by making sure that CCO funds are spent where they should be—on improving the health of Oregonians—by requiring that a portion of CCO funds in excess of financial requirements are spent to address health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- Ensuring a more orderly transition in the event a CCO opts not to renew its contract, which will help minimize any associated disruption for Oregon patients.

There is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that the CCO model lives up to its promise for Oregon consumers. HB 4018A by itself will not fundamentally transform the health care delivery system in Oregon, but its passage will make critical structural changes that will help make Oregon's transformation efforts more successful.

The Oregon Health Policy Board is currently hard at work on standards for future CCO contracting that we hope will raise the bar for Oregon's coordinated care model. HB 4018A will help create the conditions for that effort to succeed by empowering local communities across the state to hold CCOs accountable for delivering on the promise of the Triple Aim.

Thank you for your consideration.

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