

House Committee On Health Care

Dear Chair Greenlick, Vice-Chair Hayden and Nosse, and committee members

I SUPPORT HB 4146 - the transfers \$7M funds from tobacco settlement to support Oregon Reinsurance Program, and modifications to assessment on various health services with increases in cigarette taxation.

Considering the voters were lied to in order to secure their vote, the legislature should feel obligated to provide alternative funding and not let the fees trickle down to increased health care premiums. HB 4146 is designed to keep healthcare costs from increasing over passage of measure 101.

This bill adjusts payments to CCOs for the decrease in qualified clients due to an audit - deposits savings in Oregon Health Authority Fund for the benefit of covering more people.

It fixes the maximum hospital, ambulatory surgical centers and ambulance services assessment rate at 6% eliminating double assessment on hospitals. Another cost savings that should reduce health care premiums. Moneys deposited in the Hospital Quality Assurance Fund is distributed to CCOs based on services delivered, performance and strategy.

Please support this bill and vote yes.

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