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The Honorable Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 735 – Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and members of the committee:

Providence Health & Services and Providence Health Plan are uniquely positioned to understand the complexities of developing and reimbursing for comprehensive, value-based care models. We participate in a variety of state and federal initiatives that aim to increase payments for quality, without increasing the overall cost of health care.

As original supporters of the bill to establish the Health Plan Quality Metric Committee, and active members, we do not believe that SB 735 is necessary for a couple of reasons:

- The Committee's authority is clear and it is unnecessary to define the ability to create hospital metrics in statute.
- Oregon health plans are already implementing nationally recognized quality improvement programs, in addition to those established by the Oregon health Authority. State law currently allows for the appropriate flexibility so health plans can prioritize statewide quality metrics, while also maintaining necessary accreditation and quality standards for national programs.

Based on our experience, Providence would recommend that the committee maintain current statute and oppose Senate Bill 735.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben LeBlanc".

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