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Senate Health Care Labor Committee

**SB 770**

Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Professional Insurance Agents of OR/ID is a statewide association of independent agents and insurers who seek to support not only our members but also consumers.

The Professional Insurance Agents of OR/ID strongly believes that the Health Care for All Oregon Board proposed in SB 770 is missing something. It says that members may not be employed by a health insurer.

Health insurance personnel have great experience in these aspects proposed in the bill:

- Control the cost of health care for the benefit of individuals, families, businesses and society.
- Reduce administrative costs.
- Have financing that is sufficient, fair and sustainable.
- Ensure adequate compensation of health care providers.
- Include effective cost controls.
- Provide equitable access to health care, according to a participant's needs.
- Be affordable for individuals, families, businesses and society.

Independent insurance agents who are members of the Professional Insurance Agents of OR/ID have served on other such committees and have brought their considerable experience and expertise to these discussions:

- Cover Oregon committee in 2013,
- Essential Benefits workgroup in 2012,
- Pre-ACA advisory committee to consider a possible exchange for Oregon in 2011, etc.

We encourage the committee to allow at least health insurance agents to serve on the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

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