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The Honorable Alissa Keny-Guyer
Chair, House Human Services and Housing Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 3342 – Dietary meals in Hospitals and Long term care

Dear Representative Keny-Guyer and members of the committee,

On behalf of Providence Health & Services, thank you for the opportunity to share our position on House Bill 3342 and the -2 amendments.

Providence Health & Services is committed meeting the requirements set forth by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JACHO) and CMS regarding patient dietary choices and needs. Patient meals are managed through a physician diet order. Providence offers vegetarian, vegan, kosher, halal and other religious meals available as well as our therapeutic menus to accommodate the dietary and religious needs of our patients. Also submitted to OLIS are the April 2018 Vegan meal options provided to patients at Providence hospitals in Oregon.

House Bill 3342 with the -2 amendment simply puts into statute requirements that are already mandated by JACHO and CMS. Providence wants to ensure that the bill is not interpreted to require hospitals to implement new dietary procedures beyond those already in place as a result of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on House Bill 3342. If the bill is going to move forward, we urge the committee to adopt the -2 amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Adamson".

Jessica Adamson
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