



HB 3076-A – STRONGLY OPPOSE

Dear Chair Ginny Burdick and members of committee

This bill requires nonprofit hospitals and their nonprofit affiliated clinics to establish financial assistance policies that will interfere with the flexibility for serving low-income and financially strapped persons. On one hand it prohibits insurers from not allowing hospital to waive all or part of copayments or deductibles as a condition of reimbursement for services under policy or certificate of insurance. But, then it hampers the flexibility of hospitals by requiring a community benefit strategy and minimum spending floor. This is counterproductive.

The tighter health care providers are regulated, the higher insurance premiums rise. This bill does nothing to improve healthcare costs or benefits, and may hinder them.

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