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# Vote Yes on HB2362: Equal Access to Care Act

Decades of nonpartisan academic research has demonstrated that healthcare consolidation leads to higher prices without improving the quality of patient care. With experts predicting a post-pandemic tidal wave of healthcare consolidation, we need HB2362 to ensure patients — not profits — are at the center of future healthcare deals in Oregon.

## What are experts saying about healthcare consolidation?

**"The Pandemic Will Fuel Consolidation in U.S. Health Care"**

*Harvard Business Review, March 2021*

**"Hospitals Merged, Quality Didn't Improve"**

*Wall Street Journal, January 2020*

**"Many Rural Hospitals Will Be Forced to Consolidate"**

*Oregon Business, July 2020*

**"Rural Hospital Acquisitions May Reduce Patient Services"**

*Reuters, December 2019*

**"Private Equity Is Ruining Health Care, Covid Is Making It Worse"**

*Bloomberg Businessweek, May 2020*

**"When Hospitals Merge to Save Money, Patients Often Pay More"**

*New York Times, November 2018*

We believe the Equal Access to Care Act, HB 2362, is urgent and necessary for Oregon.

