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Chair Patterson, Members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am writing to voice our opposition SB 65. We are specifically opposed to moving the health insurance exchange from the DCBS to the Oregon Health Authority in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. While there may be good policy reasons to do so in the future it is not a prudent move to do this as early as June of this year when we are still battling COVID-19. As you all probably know the Federal Government is opening a special enrollment period for the exchange this month that will continue into May. This should be the focus of our health insurance exchange; not moving agencies.

We urge the committee to prioritize issues related to the pandemic. Other priorities like this can be dealt with next year or when we have put this pandemic behind us. Right now we need predictability.

Sincerely,
Vince Porter
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