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DATE: March 25, 2021
TO: House Committee on Health Care
RE: HB 2376, relating to naloxone

Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the Committee:

Lane County offers its support for HB 2376, a measure whereby health practitioners will be required to offer a prescription of naloxone to patients when they are also prescribing an opioid medication. Naloxone is a proven life-saving treatment when an individual is experiencing an overdose.

The Oregon Legislature has a long history of evolving naloxone policy:

- SB 910 (2019)
 - Mandate pharmacies to post information regarding the availability of naloxone and related supplies (kits) at their facilities.
 - Provides that the name of patient for whom naloxone is prescribed is confidential.
 - Allows pharmacy or health care professional to distribute multiple kits to social service agencies, and these agencies may in turn redistribute these kits to individuals likely to experience an overdose or to family members of these individuals.
- SB 655 (2019)
 - Allows the State Board of Education to adopt rules for the administration of naloxone by any trained school personnel to any student or other person on school premises who the personnel believe is experiencing an overdose of an opioid drug.
 - Allows local school district boards to similarly adopt rules.
 - Ensures that school personnel, and any other person on a school property or at any school activity, is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages if they act to provide naloxone to a person they believe is experiencing an overdose.
 - Provides similar protections to employees of social service agencies.
- HB 3440 (2017)
 - Establishes that a person acting in good faith is immune from civil liability when distributing or administering naloxone.
 - Adds naloxone to the Oregon Prescription Monitoring Program.
- HB 4124 (2016)
 - Allows pharmacists to prescribe naloxone (with training criteria).
 - Allows social service agency employees to administer naloxone even it was not prescribed to the employee.

HB 2376 is the latest iteration of smart policy actions taken by the Legislature, each one building on the last. This measure will create additional access to this life saving drug and Lane County urges you to move this bill to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY
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