

# OREGON WORKERS SUPPORT HB 2362: EQUAL ACCESS TO CARE

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Regardless of income or place of work, every Oregon worker is affected by the ability -- or inability -- to access affordable health care.

Yet, **Oregonians' health care costs have increased by nearly 29% over the last 4 years**-- faster than the rest of the nation and outpacing inflation<sup>1</sup>. Data shows that when health care systems merge or acquire independent practices, small clinics and community-based hospitals, costs for patients rise.

Without action, the burden of higher healthcare premiums, deductibles, copays or other costs will only get worse for working families. **HB 2362 places patients at the center of proposed health care deals** by providing a process for proposed health care mergers, acquisitions, and affiliations and ensures all transactions enhance access to low-cost, high-quality services.

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## OREGON WORKERS DESERVE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE.

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### WE SUPPORT HB 2362:



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<sup>1</sup> OHA presentation to OHPB, 1/7/2020, based on APAC data.