



Testimony in Support of House Bill 2081
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Good afternoon Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Salinas and Hayden, and members of the committee. My name is Deborah Riddick. I am the Director of Government Relations for the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA). We represent 15,000 registered nurses throughout the state and the Nurse Practitioners of Oregon. The ONA supports HB 2081 with the -1 amendments which would require healthcare system accountability for phasing in advanced value-based payments.

Oregon has an impressive legacy of advancing health care innovation and system transformation. We are recognized nation-wide and direct efforts in states near and far; the nation continues to monitor our progress. The State's ongoing commitment, via financial and human resources, to address the challenges of patient responsive system transformation, is undeniable. It is also undeniable that critical levers of our current system require stronger support for adoption to occur. Change is not easy or comfortable for a system so fragmented and incentivized toward status quo strategies. HB 2081's provisions are aligned with our continued progress and better positions the State as a leader for this vision of care that truly meets the needs of our residents.

HB 2081 is a product of a multi-year, diverse stakeholder investment to identify a framework that could be applied to improve our system using measures and accountabilities that improve patient experience and outcomes. Our membership has a strong commitment to the communities we serve and support implementation of this critical next step. Although not perfect, this consensus work and sets valuable targets and achievable goals for our state. It would be contrary to our stated goals to delay passage of this important piece of legislation.

The ONA supports HB 3108 as another tool to ensure that our investment in health system innovation has the best opportunity for achieving our triple aims and meeting the real needs of the communities we serve. We believe it is complementary to our work to date. It supports our believe that solutions that emanate from collaborative consideration offer the best opportunity for success. We hope you agree and that you will support HB 3108.