

**Rep. Schouten**  
**HB 4051**  
House Human Services  
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Dear Chair Williams and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Sheri Schouten, I am the Representative for House District 27 which covers parts of Beaverton and Southwest Portland.

I have worked as a community health nurse most of my adult life, up to being elected to the legislature. In my career I have seen lots of changes in the way healthcare connects and interacts with patients' lives. Many of those changes have been welcome by those of us that have worked in community health.

I see HB 4150 as a critical next step in developing better care plans for patients. When I first started working as a community health nurse, I carried a little red book with me that was filled with contacts and various referral sources. I regularly had to erase and fill in new information when something changed. Keeping this book updated was a time-consuming task. Time that could have been spent doing other more important things. Since that time the 211-info line has been established and helped get patients resources and referrals. However, the CIE being proposed in this bill would allow providers to share specific patient information with each other and which enables better communication amongst all the providers.

Closing these loops on care and having the ability to work as a team was rarely ever possible and when it did happen, it was all phone tag. Now, when one provider identifies a problem or potential problem, they can let all the other providers seeing a patient know and help improve the quality of care for the patient. Referrals can be much more impactful now.

I ask that you send a *do-pass recommendation* for HB 4150 and let us continue the path of improving coordinated care and enable providers to make more efficient and positive patient outcomes.

Respectfully Yours,



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