



**OREGON OPTOMETRIC
PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION**

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Oregon House of Representatives
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Prusak, Vice Chairs Hayden, Salinas and Members of the House Health Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association (OOPA) and its more than 700 members, please accept this letter of support for HB 4132, and its amendments, requiring the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to meet monthly with specified health care providers to discuss providers' concerns regarding insurer practices.

Oregon's optometric practices are primarily independently owned operations. Billing complexities vary by insurance carrier and often overwhelm billing staff compared to larger corporate entities that hold greater administrative resources. Regular monthly meetings with DCBS will greatly assist optometric practices in sharing challenges while given the opportunity to propose ground-level solutions.

OOPA membership, extending statewide, will serve as a tremendous resource in providing historical trends in the reimbursement paid to health care providers by insurers as outlined in the Bill's section #2. Trend data will serve purposeful for future legislative policy review and needs assessment.

OOPA extends its gratitude to Representatives Noble and Nosse for their sponsorship of HB 4132 and to all Bill proponents. In summary, we respectfully urge the committee to pass HB 4132 and its amendments.

Sincerely,

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President