

Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Goodwin and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Yen Pham and I am the chief pharmacy officer at OHSU. On behalf of OHSU, I am here today to testify in support of House Bill 2715 and the positive impact this will have on patients at OHSU and across our state.

As Oregon's academic health center, OHSU is committed every day to improving the health and wellbeing of every Oregonian. OHSU's dedicated team members not only treat the most complex health needs in the state, they make discoveries that save lives and train leaders to address the societal issues that impact health.

The OHSU pharmacy team is dedicated to helping our providers and patients manage the complex medication therapies which are part of cutting-edge care today. We know, for too many individuals, including patients at OHSU, payer-mandated "white bagging" can create quality control and chain of custody issues that could jeopardize their health and safety. The practice creates unnecessary risk for patients and injects potential delays and uncertainty into high stakes medical treatment.

House Bill 2715 represents a positive step in the right direction in ensuring patient safety and access to the life-saving and life-sustaining medications they need. I urge your support.

Thank you.