



Representative Bobby Levy

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

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am testifying today to express my support for House Bill 2743.

In 2021, Oregon Health and Sciences University collaborated with the Oregon Health Authority and other health systems in the Portland Metro area to create the Oregon Medical Coordination Center. OMCC partners coordinate inter-hospital transfers for patients across Oregon from local communities to facilities with better care if the referral process cannot occur in a timely manner.

Funding from the Emergency Board in 2022 allowed OMCC to better handle the increase in pediatric ICU demand when RSV cases began to surge. Ongoing funding enables OMC to maintain this critical statewide care function. Hospitals will be better prepared to handle the next public health emergency. With the Committee's support, the Oregon Medical Coordination Center will maintain its service to all Oregonians.

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