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The Honorable Deb Patterson Senate Health Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: **Support HB-2395**

Dear Chair Patterson and Honorable Members of the Senate Health Committee,

The Oregon Chiropractic Association supports HB-2395 opioid harm reduction proposed legislation, the goal of which is to reduce opioid overdoses saving lives.

Musculoskeletal pain, led by spinal disorders is a prevalent reason for consumers seeking some form of pain medication. Unfortunately, many times consumers seek alternative sources of pain medications without a prescription. This can result in catastrophic outcomes when these non-prescription "pain pills" are laced with illicit fentanyl without the recipient's knowledge. In 2021 alone some 745 Oregonians lost their lives secondary to unintended opioid overdoses.

As primary spine care providers, Oregon's roughly 2,000 chiropractic physicians are seeing more of these patients presenting with the signs and symptoms who are in acute opioid overdose crisis. Readily available opioid antagonist medication such as Naloxone in every chiropractic clinic to emergently treat opioid overdose preventing accidental death is critical. Readily available fentanyl test strips to prevent our patients from unknowingly taking substances containing small but lethal amounts of illicit fentanyl are equally important.

The Oregon Chiropractic Association urges your yes vote on HB-2395.

Sincerely,



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