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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Submitted electronically via OLIS

RE: House Bill 4081, relating to emergency medical services

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon strongly believes in ensuring that our communities receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Coordination of emergency health care is imperative to ensuring that this occurs for all Oregonians. House Bill 4081 will bolster the infrastructure and system changes needed to safeguard and coordinate access to time-sensitive medical services across the state.

We appreciate Representative Grayber's extensive work with stakeholders to achieve our mutual goal of fostering an integrated emergency medical services system in Oregon.

Key tenets of this legislation for Oregon's hospitals include:

- Representation of rural hospitals to support a modern EMS system that is truly statewide;
- Data reporting that minimizes the administrative burden placed on hospitals;
- Emergency medical services center classifications that align with national standards when such national standards exist;
- A process to establish new classifications and an opportunity for hospitals to choose to opt-in to the new classifications; and
- Continued coordination by the regional trauma boards.



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Sincerely,



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About the Hospital Association of Oregon

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon Association (HAO) is a mission-driven, nonprofit trade association representing Oregon's 61 hospitals. Together, hospitals are the sixth largest private employer statewide, employing more than 70,000 employees. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer, more equitable Oregon where all people have access to the high-quality care they need, the hospital association supports Oregon's hospitals so they can support their communities; educates government officials and the public on the state's health landscape and works collaboratively with policymakers, community based organizations and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's 4 million residents.



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