

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Julie Fahey  
House Rules Committee

*Uploaded via OLIS*

RE: Support for HCR 201

Chair Fahey, Members of the Committee:

The great City of Dallas, Oregon is poised to celebrate its sesquicentennial. Salem Health is proud to support HCR 201, which celebrates this milestone. Incorporated in 1874, the City of Dallas has grown to be a strong, thriving community. Salem Health is proud to serve the health needs of Dallas and the surrounding area.

In 1907, Dallas Hospital was first established at the corner of Church and Academy, moving to Oak Street in 1909. By 1914, a purpose-built hospital was constructed on Uglow Street, funded by contributions from four local doctors. That building was replaced in 1972 by the present hospital footprint.

After working together to ensure patient access to care for several years, West Valley Hospital officially became part of Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics in 2002.

Salem Health West Valley Hospital is a critical access hospital with 25 beds and a busy emergency department that serves greater Polk County. The hospital is surrounded by primary and specialty care clinics to better serve the people of Dallas.

Salem Health West Valley Hospital is proud to call Dallas home and of our legacy of care over the past 117 years. We're excited to see the results of our investments in quality patient care in Dallas come to fruition in the coming years.

Congratulations to the City of Dallas for its proud history and vibrant present. We're honored to be part of your past, your present, and your future.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Nester Wolfe, RN MSN NEA-BC  
President and CEO