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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
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RE: House Bill 4136, relating to health care

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. We support the efforts in HB 4136 to increase access to care in Lane County and statewide.

House Bill 4136 supports access to care by removing limitations on short-term licenses for nonresident nurses and funding health care access innovation in Lane County. Additionally, we support that the bill will require the Oregon Health Authority to review access to urgent and immediate health care services statewide. A robust continuum of care that includes the gamut of health care providers and facilities is vital to safeguarding access to health care for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,



Troy Duker
Legislative Director
Hospital Association of Oregon

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.