



January 30, 2025

Oregon State Legislature  
House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
*Submitted electronically via OLIS*

**RE: HB 2901, Relating to newborn safety devices**

Chair Hartman and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon is a mission-driven nonprofit association representing Oregon's 61 community hospitals. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer Oregon with equitable access to quality health care, HAO provides services to Oregon's community hospitals to support their work delivering dependable, comprehensive health care to their communities. We educate government officials and the public on the state's health landscape, and work collaboratively with policymakers, community organizations, and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's four million residents.

We appreciate Representative McIntire bringing HB 2901 to our attention and for her consideration of hospitals' role in Oregon's Safe Haven law. Under current statute (ORS 418.017), hospitals are an "authorized facility" where a parent may surrender a newborn. Hospitals are equipped to respond to the health needs of a surrendered newborn. Under HB 2901 as drafted, hospitals have the option to install a newborn safety device if certain requirements are met. We support this option, and the importance of local decision making.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a simple rectangular box.

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## About the Hospital Association of Oregon

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon (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 four million residents.



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