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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi, Nelson and Members of the Committee,

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO) is the statewide association representing over 2,500 osteopathic physicians and medical students in Oregon. OPSO is a membership organization whose purpose is to promote the causes, needs, goals, and advancement of osteopathic medicine in Oregon for the benefit of the members and community in which they serve.

OPSO strongly supports HB 3134 and the amendments. Prior Authorization continues to create administrative burden for our members, and even more concerning, it leads to delays in patient care and increased cost. We appreciate that HB 3134 will address this problem. The Oregon Medical Association's recent survey showed that prior authorization has increased significantly over the last 5 years, and 99% of responding providers reported that prior authorization creates delays in healthcare.

In particular, our members appreciate the section of the bill that will clarify that when a patient is in surgery and their physician notices a secondary emergent issue, they can act on that secondary emergent issue without seeking additional prior authorization. This clarification not only saves time and administrative efforts for the physician, but it is significantly better for the patient and for the health system overall.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

David Walls
Executive Director – Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon