

Submitter: Tammy Lee Smith

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4075

"TO: Oregon State Treasurer and Legislature,

I am urging you to vote YES on the legislative package to assist the Bay Area Hospital, including House Bill 4075. After several months of implementing a turnaround strategy, the Hospital has shown that it can be a sustainable part of the community but challenges remain.

If the State is unwilling to assist the Bay Area Hospital, it will likely downgrade to a "type B" hospital. This comes with a number of costs to wellness and the local economy, including an increase of \$27.2 million per year to the State as a result of reimbursement changes and increased Medicaid payments.

I'm hoping you will stand up in favor of the Bay Area Hospital.

Respectfully,"