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HANK KEETON TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB-2922

I have owned my own small business for more than 40-years, and providing healthcare for my employees has always been a concern. Insurance companies do not want to make payments for services. They want only to receive premiums. This is a tragic state of affairs in this, our once-great USofA.

Every time a health needs arises, there is a conflict with the insurance company first and foremost. The health of the human is only a second consideration.

We must take the profit motive OUT of the healthcare industry. When profits come first, health needs are not met adequately. One of the best Subcontractors we have worked with over the years is McKinstry Company. They have booted the profits (and insurance companies) out of their healthcare system, and self-provide. Their employees are happier, healthier, and more productive.

As a small business owner it is not feasible for me to be self-provide healthcare. The next best option would be for me to be able to join together with other small businesses and combine our funds to cover our healthcare needs. This could easily be accomplished by a State-run program, where profit does not exist, where CEO exorbitant pay does not exist, where shareholders' dividends do not exist, and instead only healthcare for people exists.

If all taxpayers contributed to a State-funded healthcare system like HB-2922 proposes, then we'd all receive better healthcare for less total expense.

Please support HB-2922 for the improvement of all Oregonian's lives.

Thank you,



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