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To: Chair Greenlick, House Committee on Health Care

From: Jason Parks, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

RE: Support of Senate Bill 722

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society (the "Society"). The Society is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. The American Cancer Society is the largest voluntary health organization in the United States. ACS CAN appreciates the opportunity to comment to the committee and express our support of Senate Bill 722.

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is very common. In the United States, over 6 million people (men and women) get an HPV infection every year.

According to a study published by The American Cancer Society (ACS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR), HPV-associated cancers accounted for 3.3% (21,342 of 646,684) of all cancer cases among women and 2.0% (13,446 of 676,672) of the total cancer cases among men in 2009. The study also found that despite an overall downward trend in total cancer related deaths, some HPV associated cancers saw an increase in incidence.¹

More than 99% of all cervical cancers are related to HPV. HPV is also linked to cancers of the oropharynx, anus, vagina and vulva, and penis. In fact, 90% of anal cancers, 40% of vaginal, vulva, and penile cancers, and more than 60% of certain types of oropharyngeal cancers are related to HPV.

ACS CAN supports Senate Bill 722 and its intention to proactively address the burden of HPV in Oregon. My organization stands ready to lend our expertise to the proposed assessment of Oregon's current HPV infrastructure, as well as the formation and implementation of an HPV-related comprehensive control plan.

We urge you to support for this legislation and thank you for your time and consideration.

¹ Jemal, Ahmedin, Edgar P. Simard, Christina Dorell, Anne-Michelle Nooone, Lauri E. Markowitz, Betsy Kohler, Christie Ehemann, Mona Saraiya, Priti Bandi, Debbie Saslow, Kathleen A. Cronin, Meg Watson, Mark Schiffman, S. Jane Henley, Maria J. Schymura, Robert N. Anderson, David Yankey, and Brenda K. Edwards, "Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, 1975–2009. Featuring the Burden and Trends in Human Papillomavirus (HPV)-Associated Cancers and HPV Vaccination Coverage Levels." (manuscript, American Cancer Society, 2012).