



Testimony Narrative

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HB 2828 (2015): Relating to a study on financing health care in this state.

The Oregon Health Policy Board is committed to policies and programs that provide Oregonians with better care and better health at a lower cost. We believe that access to health care is foundational to health and a successful life.

As committee members are aware, Oregon has been a health reform pioneer for decades. Our reforms have led to community-driven, high-quality care that is accessible, fiscally sustainable and locally controlled throughout Oregon. You can learn more about improved health outcomes and various elements of Oregon's transformation through [Oregon's Health System Transformation Performance Report](#) and [CCO Quarterly Report](#) as well as hear Oregon's story and read more about potential federal policy change impacts at www.95percentoregon.com.

We write today's testimony to encourage the committee to seriously consider any and all best-practice based policies that increase access to care or improve the quality of care. We believe we must continue to work toward ensuring access to care is not a function of your income or your place of birth, but rather is a fundamental right for all Oregonians. We advise the committee to consider access within Oregon's integrated and coordinated health care delivery system by developing policies that further advance Oregon's bipartisan coordinated care model. Policies such as those that define and determine appropriate health payments for value rather than service and those that identify and remove silos between care models so we can begin to truly integrate care while addressing the social determinants.

As the committee considers access to care and related policies, we note Oregon's complex system is recognized nationally for its expansion of high-quality, community-driven, sustainable care. We also note that potential policies that improve access to care should be considered with an eye toward alignment within our current health system transformation and coordinated care model as demonstrated by all communities across Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding access to care in Oregon. If you should have any questions regarding this testimony, please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience.

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