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TO: The Honorable Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Senate Health Care Committee

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 29 – Public Health Housekeeping

Chair Monnes Anderson and members of the committee, I am Katarina Moseley, Director of Policy and Partnerships in the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority. I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 29, which is the Oregon Health Authority's public health housekeeping bill.

This bill includes procedural changes that will make it easier for the Public Health Division to administer its programs by making minor changes to ease implementation of current laws. Some of the changes proposed in this bill are the result of changes to public health statutes made in 2015 and 2017 because of public health modernization and subsequent administrative rulemaking.

A modern public health system ensures critical public health protections are in place for every person in Oregon, that the public health system is prepared and has the right resources to address emerging health threats, and that the public health system is engaged daily to eliminate health disparities.

I will briefly list the areas of the bill. SB 29:

- Replaces outdated term “local public health department” with “local public health authority” and aligns current statute with changes made in 2015.
- Clarifies and creates flexibility in how local public health authorities ensure access to vaccines and school required vaccines.
- Enables the Oregon Health Authority to contract central cancer registry functions.
- Protects the public's health by removing barriers to effective enforcement of tobacco laws, and fixes Tobacco 21 legislation to better align with

legislative intent and supports consistent regulation of smoke shop requirements.

- Replaces the outdated term “venereal disease” with “sexually transmitted infection,” clarifies responsibility for provision of school sexual health curricula and removes language that states that the Oregon Health Authority approves employer-based HIV prevention, education and testing programs.
- Clarifies which medical marijuana registrants are required to track the production and transfer of cannabis.
- Clarifies the role of local public health authorities in ensuring access to family planning services, and updates language to reflect current clinical standards and terminology.
- Updates Certificate of Need language to align with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act and eliminates home health subunit licensing requirements to align with federal standards.
- Amends membership of several emergency medical and trauma system committees; revises and clarifies terms and licensure to strengthen emergency medical and trauma responses in Oregon.
- Simplifies mandatory reporter laws and clarifies authority of licensees. Updates the Health Licensing Office’s statute to include new boards and programs.
- Changes and aligns environmental health fees to cover Oregon Health Authority cost for services.
- Adds and aligns communicable disease reporting requirements with current national best practices and ensures reporting continuity across all local public health authorities.

I appreciate the committee’s time and would be happy to answer any questions or give additional detail on this bill.