



**Supporting HB 2010, Oregon's Medicaid Provider Assessment Package.
House Health Care Committee, February 7, 2019**

Chair Greenlick and Members of the committee, for the record, my name is Michael Becker, VP of Government Relations for PacificSource, an independent, not-for-profit, community-based health plan. We serve commercial, Medicaid and Medicare lives, and administer Medicaid CCO contracts in Central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 2010, the Medicaid Provider Assessment Package.

PacificSource is pleased to have been a participant in Governor Brown's health care stakeholder workgroup convened to develop a plan to secure long-term, sustainable OHP funding. HB 2010 reflects the recommendations of this workgroup and appropriately addresses the challenge of securing sustainable funding. PacificSource supports the entirety of the OHP budget funding package. Each of these revenue solutions are necessary to ensure no cuts to OHP coverage or reductions to any necessary services.

This combined set of HB 2010 revenue sources - the hospital assessment, an increase in the health insurance premium tax to 2%, and the addition of a stop-loss assessment - will create a stable foundation for funding OHP and the Oregon reinsurance program for the next six years. Reinsurance has helped make Oregon individual market premiums more affordable by saving Oregonians an average of 6 percentage points on their health insurance premiums, and helped ensure an ongoing competitive market. Funded by the premium assessment and federal matching funds from a Section 1332 waiver, HB 2010 authorizes continuation of the reinsurance program.

We urge the House Health Care Committee to support this legislation. Thank you for your consideration and I'd be pleased to answer any questions.