

To: Chair Rep. Greenlick, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the House Committee on Health Care

For the record I am Dr Rolf Nesse, a retired Board Certified Family Physician of 35 yrs. in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho

I speak in support of HB 2689, 2680, and 2679 for <http://SustainableEconomiesNW.com>



Overwhelmingly doctors like me dealt with people that had chronic diseases. Persons who have chronic disease generally use their medications for the rest of their life. And any sustainable health care system must deal with this fact.

Also be aware that market forces will view these patients as a captive audience and try to maximize profits in this marketplace, because these patients cannot escape their situation, except by death. As they age, these patients may have diminishing resources, and or disability, and the exhaustion of savings, (if they ever had any). If the price of medications, like insulin and many other chronic disease medications increase, as they have, this becomes a financial nightmare. These patients are trapped.

These Oregonians need you as their ally. We know these Bills can be effective because commonly used drugs have widely different prices in different locations and sizes of purchasing agreements. These Bills are needed to keep health care more affordable for the people of Oregon.

A more sustainable economy is a health economy.

Thank you, Dr. Rolf Nesse MD