

February 27, 2019

**Re: Senate Bill 23 – OAHHS Support with adoption of the dash-1 amendment**

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 23. On behalf of Oregon's 62 hospitals and health care systems, and the patients and communities they serve, we support SB 23 with the -1 amendment. This bill codifies existing inpatient data collection practices between hospitals and the Oregon Health Authority by putting specific data record elements in rule. SB 23 also requires hospitals to submit emergency department discharge data to the authority in the same manner as inpatient data collection.

During the 2017 legislation session, OAHHS opposed a similar bill which would have mandated emergency department data reporting (SB 816). We committed to working with the Oregon Health Authority to design a reporting program that aligned with current data collection practices for inpatient discharge records that ensures data quality and integrity.

We appreciate the efforts of the Oregon Health Authority during the interim to craft a bill that meets the needs of both hospitals and the authority. We look forward to understanding how the new data set will be used for health policy development and evaluation efforts.

SB 23 is the result of an ongoing partnership between OAHHS and OHA to establish a quality hospital discharge data reporting program. Thank you for your consideration in supporting SB 23 with the -1 amendment.

Thank you,



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