

**Testimony in support of SB 867 for the April 1, 2019 hearing in the Senate
Committee on Health Care**

Chair Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Linthicum and members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

Health Care for All Oregon-Action, a statewide organization working towards equitable, affordable, universal healthcare, is in support of adding to Oregon Statute a list of criteria for the *“best system for the delivery and financing of health care to residents of this state.”*

These criteria have been affirmed twice by the legislature – in 2013, the legislature passed HB 3260, which described a health care financing study that eventually became the RAND report. These criteria were what the systems being studied were to be judged against. The criteria were in a section that had a sunset date of January 2, 2016.

In the 2015 session, the legislature funded what became the RAND report by passing HB 2828. This bill extended the sunset of the criteria to January 2, 2018.

At this time, these criteria are not part of Oregon law. HCAO-Action believes that they should be, and that the legislature should once again affirm these important criteria for judging a system for delivery and financing health care in Oregon.

We urge you to support passage of SB 867. Thanks for your time and consideration of this matter.

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