

May 13, 2019

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Rules
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 3076 – OAHHS Comments on -7 Amendment

Chair Holvey and members of the House Committee on Rules:

The Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) appreciates the work of Representative Salinas and bill proponents to modernize Oregon’s hospital community benefit and financial assistance statutes. OAHHS recognizes the extensive work done to address the significant concerns hospitals have had with the introduced version of HB 3076.

The -7 amendment makes key changes to HB 3076, including removing the tie to hospital facility licensure. OAHHS understands that there are additional changes in the works that will address some of the concerns that hospitals have raised, including clarification in how “nonprofit” is applied in the screening, collections and spending floor sections.

OAHHS also appreciates Representative Salinas commitment for putting on the legislative record the intent that the inputs developing the formula for the spending floor will be “uniformly” applied to hospitals.

These changes, along with the -7 amendment, moves OAHHS from opposition to neutrality on the bill. We continue to be committed to working with the proponents to ensure these forthcoming fixes are correct.

We also look forward to working on these changes with Representative Salinas and stakeholders as this conversation continues.

Thank you,



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