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House Committee on Health Care

I am writing in **support of Senate Bill HB 4146**.

I moved to Central Oregon to take a teaching job at both Central Oregon Community College and Oregon State University- Cascades. I teach 3 classes a term or between 10-12 credit hours. On top of this I try to teach community education courses in the evening. Because I am a term by term hire my starting compensation is considerably lower than that of someone with a 9 month contract. I am also at risk, based on enrollment, of losing my insurance every term. I was without insurance all last year. From September 2018 till June of this year I will have taught 9 different classes, seen over 250 students, worked for two state institutions, and have only had coverage the last 3 months. Knowing the government of the state that I was born in is looking out for my best interest as an educator and my healthcare needs as an employee would mean stability, both economically and mentally and allow me to focus on teaching the wonderful students this state attracts and creates.

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