



February 11, 2020

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 1551 – Coordinated Care Organization Contracting

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

On behalf of Oregon's 62 community hospitals and the patients they serve, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) has concerns with the -1 amendment to Senate Bill 1551. This amendment gives the Oregon Health Authority unprecedented authority to influence contract negotiations between a coordinated care organization (CCO) and a hospital. The current statute, as written, provides sufficient sideboards for hospitals and CCOs to establish adequate networks while maintaining quality care under a global budget environment.

The -1 amendment adds enforcement levers that put OHA in the driver's seat for CCO contracting with providers. This does not align with one of the core tenants in establishing COOs which is local control and flexibility to meet community needs. We urge you to oppose the -1 amendments and maintain local control for CCO contracting with hospitals.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Kolmer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean Kolmer
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Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems