



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB700

Oregon Senate Health Committee

March 15, 2021

Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Zoom+Care in support of SB700, establishing the Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund Board, which would provide needed services for persons who have suffered traumatic brain injuries.

Zoom+Care, founded and headquartered in Portland, operates about 60 on-demand primary, specialty and urgent care clinics in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and Idaho. I serve as its Chief Medical Officer.

From its inception more than a decade ago, we have aimed to aim to delight our “Sarahs” – our patient archetype – by delivering evidence-based care that eliminates, as much as possible, the administrative and time burdens health care places on patients. Everything we do is from the viewpoint of our “Sarahs” and meeting their needs.

When patients come to one of our clinics with a possible brain injury, such as a possible concussion, we provide the immediate care they need, and when appropriate arrange for follow up care where higher-level diagnostic technology is available.

This bill addresses what happens *after* initial diagnosis and treatment. The impairments of brain injuries often do not fully manifest themselves until well after the fact, and that’s when patients need help accessing the right kinds of specialized treatment and rehabilitation services. The creation of the Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund would be of enormous help in meeting the longer-term needs of these patients, and we urge passage of this bill.

Please feel contact me if you would like to get more information from Zoom+Care or if we can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

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Chief Medical Officer