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TO: The Honorable Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110

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SUBJECT: SB 72 (Support)

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

I am Laura Fouts, Business Services Director at Oregon State Hospital. I am responsible for the areas of Revenue Cycle and Accounting services at the Oregon State Hospital.

Senate Bill 72 would address two necessary “technical fixes.” The first modifies circumstances in which a provider may disregard a principal’s wishes regarding mental health treatment to include when principal is extremely dangerous person committed to OHA. It would correct an oversight whereby ORS 426.701 was left out of the list of statutes currently in ORS 127.720. There would be no fiscal impact from this change.

The second allows the excluded cost of outpatient care for patients at Oregon State Hospital to be included in the calculation of cost-of-care. It would amend ORS 179.701 and allow OSH to include the costs of outpatient care in Medicare cost reporting as well as calculation of cost of care rates. It is a small administrative change.

There would be negligible fiscal impact from this change, since the bulk of OSH’s outside medical costs are inpatient costs for acute medical hospital admissions, which are not currently disallowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer any questions.

