

H.B. 2010, if passed, would establish a public insurance option for Oregonians that would compete with private insurance plans already in the state marketplace. This bill is based upon our current flawed and expensive system by offering the choice of a silver or gold level plan. Simply providing one more plan option does not address the problems of cost, accessibility, and equity inherent in the present system.

The bill fails to meet the values and principles articulated in S.B.770 passed in 2019 and may impede moving forward to implement the Task Force's recommendations by diverting scarce staff resources to establishing the public option plan. At this time, we will serve Oregonians better by focusing efforts on establishing a publically funded universal health care system that is equitable, and will transform the health of all.