



I am writing with concerns about HB2010. While the expanded access to coverage that could be generated by a public option sounds appealing, I fear that it would be setting Oregon up for failure to achieve truly universal health care access. Basically, any overhaul of our broken system that leaves the insurance industries in place will not work. A public option would only add another layer of expensive Band Aids to the patchwork. We need the savings from decreased administrative costs and the abolition of the profit hungry middle men that would then enable us to provide actual care for EVERY Oregonian. I heard testimony in your hearing today from many people who are suffering from the fear and doubt that come with lack of insurance, underinsurance and out of control premiums. NONE of us should have to experience this. Let's continue down the path towards overhaul: developing a universal, single payer system, and not get sidetracked by expensive "options" that generate minimal improvements. Below is a link to an article that, while dated, still does a good job articulating my concerns. Thank you.]

<https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/insurance-health-care-medicare/>

