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Members of the Committee.

I've been tracking health care legislation for years and am concerned about the disconnect between the testimony provided and what the bill says.

Has there been operational and implementation decisions made that the general public isn't privy to?

No where does the bill reference a public option or state market place but testimony has been submitted that discusses both. Are these statements of support driven by previous reports or input from contracted firms that are directing Oregon's policies rather than local citizens? Is this being done in isolation of other health care change efforts? There are no amendments to reverence either.

Is the committee turning over key policy choices to OHA and permitting the state agency to decide whether to reduce access or lower costs and move forward, without further consideration, with those choices? Aren't those choices the responsibility of this committee and legislature?

I realize that the session is short, and your hard work in this fast pace environment, but I hope that these significant actions and choices are made with the utmost transparency.