

Testimony in support of SB 704

I have always, through my adult life, been dismayed by the fact that almost all the money I have been required to pour into “healthcare” has actually gone to the insurance industry, rather than to support actual healthcare for myself, my family, or my friends. The denial of healthcare by the insurance industry is so common that I am quite familiar with the months-long battles sometimes required to obtain access to necessary care or medication.

Oregonians have recognized, in law, that healthcare is a human right. Now it is time for us to take steps toward ensuring everyone has access to the care they need. SB 704 establishes a framework to allow the creation of a system that provides healthcare for all of Oregon, and that redirects the money siphoned off by the wealthy insurance industry back into healthcare, where we actually wanted it to go in the first place.

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