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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

Re: House Bill 3157

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

Legacy Health is a nonprofit health care provider in the Portland-Vancouver area and mid-Willamette Valley with an integrated network of care providers in over one hundred primary care, urgent care, and specialty care clinics, and six community-based and nationally recognized hospitals.

Legacy supports House Bill 3157, which would create a health insurance mandate advisory review committee. It creates a formal structure to evaluate the impact of health insurance coverage mandates on Oregon residents.

House Bill 3157 will provide appropriate analyses to ensure consumers, providers, insurance carriers, and benefit boards understand the:

- Evidence for improved health outcomes if the coverage is mandated,
- Varying impacts of the proposal to urban and rural populations and diverse groups, and
- Impact of proposed health care coverage requirements on premium expenses.

The representative membership of the committee as well as the short timeline and robust parameters for the reports will ensure that legislators and constituents have critical information needed to make informed decisions about coverage mandates that impact Oregonians.

Oregonians deserve evidence-based, equitable, and appropriate health care at an affordable price. This bill helps ensure that mission is fulfilled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merrin Permut".

Merrin Permut
Vice President of Population Health, Payor Strategy & Medicaid Services