

May 3, 2023

**Joint Committee On Ways And Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
Re: HB 5030**

As a member of the La Clinica Board of Directors, specifically the chair of the Board's Development Committee and the Acute Care Clinic Steering Committee, I wholeheartedly support the Acute Care Clinic Expansion Project.

This project is anticipated to provide services in an accessible and affordable manner to many impoverished and underserved people in the Rogue Valley who currently have difficulty obtaining health care services, except in the costly and crowded local emergency departments. This Acute Care Clinic expansion will also have additional capacity for urgent care needs that may arise, such as the recent COVID pandemic when La Clinica was a major responder with the quick conversion and staffing of a much needed care facility.

For nearly thirty-five years, La Clinica has provided and continues to provide health care services in Jackson County, especially for the most vulnerable populations. Over the years, La Clinica has increased its health care provisions, in terms of both facilities and types of services, and this project will continue that tradition.

Sincerely,

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Development Committee - Chair
Acute Care Clinic Steering Committee - Chair