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SUBJECT: HB 4045 – Relating to Adjustments in Classifications under the
Public Employees Retirement System

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Tran, and members of the committee, I am Dolly Matteucci, the Superintendent of the Oregon State Hospital.

I am testifying today to provide information about the inclusion of the Oregon State Hospital in HB 4045. HB 4045 amends ORS 238A.005 relating to the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (“PERS”) to include hazardous positions including “employees of the Oregon State Hospital who have direct contact with patients”. HB 4045 includes a 1.8 percent pension calculation on the final salary multiplied by the number of years of retirement credit attributable to service in a hazardous position. In addition, the bill allows for hazardous positions to retire on the earlier of 60 or 58 year if the member has 25 or more years of retirement credit.

HB 4045 is the result of a multi-year workgroup collaboration including OSH leadership, SEIU leaders, AFSCME leaders and employees. OSH management has been meeting with union representatives, collaborating with DAS and other subject matter experts, and together addressed various staffing



issues, including the contents of HB 4045 to acknowledge and support the hazardous work of the direct care staff at OSH. OSH is committed to continued work with these partners on HB 4045 to identify employees in direct care positions across the Oregon State Hospital system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please let me know if you have any questions.