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**TO:** Senate Committee on Health Care

**FR:** Katie Koenig, Oregon Business & Industry

**RE:** Oregon Business and Industry's Support of SB 1506

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Oregon Business & Industry (OBI) is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, more than 80% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians. Oregon's private sector businesses help drive a healthy, prosperous economy for the benefit of everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments in support of SB 1506, which would extend authorization for Oregon pharmacists to test and treat COVID 19 through June of 2026. Throughout the COVID pandemic, pharmacists have played a critical part in administering vaccinations as well as testing and treating COVID 19. The option to test and treat at local pharmacies increases access to care for Oregonians. OBI encourages your support of SB 1506.

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