

April 15, 2025

Representative Rob Nosse, Chair House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2205 A

Chair Nosse,

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is grateful for the opportunity to write today in support of HB 2205 A as the House considers it. We appreciate your consideration of this important topic. For a full understanding of OHA's position on CCO procurement, I would first draw your attention to <u>written</u> <u>testimony</u> that OHA Director Sejal Hathi, MD provided on March 27, 2025, during the committee in consideration of the bill. However, OHA wishes to elaborate on several points.

First, if this legislation passes and is signed by the Governor, OHA will extende the current contracts by two years, with the new contract not beginning sooner than Jan. 1, 2029.

Second, pursuant to that extension, OHA would pause the planned posting of the Request for Application that is currently scheduled for release in the summer of 2025. Additionally, as part of the regular annual contracting process, current contracts would be extended for the end result of a Dec. 31, 2028, two year extension. Again, thank you for your consideration of this important topic.

Sincerely, Kristine M Kauk

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