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Oregon State Legislature  
House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
*Submitted electronically via OLIS*

**RE: HB 2560, Relating to payments to adult foster home providers; and declaring an emergency**

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Nguyen and Vice-Chair Scharf and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon is a mission-driven nonprofit association representing Oregon's 61 community hospitals.

The hospital association supports HB 2560, a bill that requires funding for the Oregon Department of Human Services to pay higher base rates to adult foster homes, which will in turn increase capacity for this important aspect of the care continuum.

Too often, patients who no longer need hospital-level care remain stuck because there aren't enough community placements available in adult foster homes, straining hospital capacity and driving up costs. When hospitals can't transfer patients who no longer require acute care to the most appropriate care settings, fewer hospital beds are available for community members in need and patients "boarded" in hospital emergency departments experience delays that can impact their health.

Increasing reimbursement rates for adult foster homes can reduce discharge delays and help ensure patients receive timely and appropriate care. For example, during the COVID-19 emergency, adult foster homes received a rate increase and a one-time flat payment.<sup>1</sup> These additional resources increased foster home capacity and helped to discharge patients from hospitals who did not require acute care services.

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<sup>1</sup> Oregon Department of Human Services, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Plan, pg. 7, [arpa-project-plan.pdf](#)

For these reasons, the hospital association supports HB 2560. We look forward to working with you to advance this bill to improve health care for Oregonians.

Sincerely,



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**About the Hospital Association of Oregon**

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO) is a mission-driven, nonprofit trade association representing Oregon’s 61 hospitals. Together, hospitals are the sixth largest private employer statewide, employing more than 70,000 employees. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer, more equitable Oregon where all people have access to the high-quality care they need, the hospital association supports Oregon’s hospitals so they can support their communities; educates government officials and the public on the state’s health landscape, and works collaboratively with policymakers, community based organizations and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state’s four million residents.



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