



American Association of University Professors

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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare

Re: House Bill HB 3086 – Support

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the more than 6,300 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to support HB 3086.

Healthcare costs in the United States are out of control, and due to the high cost of prescription drugs, many Oregonians are forced to make the difficult decision of choosing between their life-saving medications and their basic necessities. HB 3086 is a common-sense, bipartisan bill that would help ease the burden placed on many working Oregonians by applying the cost of prescriptions paid for with coupons or paid by other third parties to an individual's cost-sharing requirements for their insurance (eg. out-of-pocket maximum, deductible, copayment, coinsurance, etc).

High deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums are preventing our state's residents from receiving affordable care, and no Oregonian should be punished for using whatever resources are available to them to reduce the cost of their healthcare. By passing HB 3086, our legislature will be helping to ensure that Oregonians can get access to the medications that they need and reduce the overall cost of their healthcare each year, thereby improving the overall health and wellbeing of our state.

Please support HB 3086. Thank you for your consideration.

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