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Please support HB3439 to ensure access to care. While inflation and staff costs are up 34.2% (per CPI) since 2014, my insurance reimbursements are up 0%. Insurance pays me about half of what they pay a nurse practitioner or other PCP, but I have to pay staff the same as other clinics to keep them. I have had to drop 6 insurance contracts in the last 2 years to ensure that I can pay staff and basic utilities. If HB3439 doesn't pass, I will need to drop 2 more plans. I am one of only 2 physicians with my board certified speciality within a 3 hour driving range within Central Oregon and Eugene. Patients with common plans such as United, Blue Cross, Cigna, Health Net, or Kaiser are finding increasingly shrinking networks. Please ensure that all public employees have equitable access to care.