

Good Afternoon Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Javadi, Vice-Chair Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

I am a veteran, and lifelong resident of Oregon. I recently experienced a situation where communications between me and my doctors in Oregon were obstructed because of an Oregon law that prevents doctors from communicating with patients who are not physically in the state.

On 9/9/2024 I experienced a medical emergency while on vacation in Hawaii that led me to the ER. While there, I was not able to consult with my personal doctors, those I trust the most and who's advice I needed at this critical time. While competent, the ER doctors lacked knowledge of my medical history which is a critical component of treatment.

Having been restricted from consulting with my doctors, I waited until I returned home to speak with them prior to starting treatment. Making this decision to delay treatment caused a setback that adversely impacted my health, my work, and my family.

With telemedicine a prominent component of healthcare these days, the laws should be updated to ensure that doctors and patients have the ability to communicate regardless of the patient's temporary location.

Please support HB 3727 to improve the continuity of care for all Oregon residents.

Sincerely,
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