

Dear Senator Patterson and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care

This testimony is in addendum to previous written testimony, and in response to opposition heard at the public hearing on 3/11/2025.

CONSENT: First and foremost, vaccinating providers will only vaccinate a person who gives informed consent. For those unable to consent for themselves, consent is obtained or declined through their personal representative.

SAFETY: Vaccinating providers always first perform a screening evaluation to determine if the person to be vaccinated has contraindication or precautions to vaccinations. This evaluation is part of the consent form and is completed by the personal representative if the patient does not have capacity to do so.

VACCINATION PROVIDER RESOURCES: There are many vaccination provider resources all throughout the state. The county health department can assist facilities to find them.

*In some counties the local health department can administer the vaccines.

*Local pharmacies will provide onsite vaccination clinics.

*A regional pharmacy chain will provide onsite vaccination clinics within range of their nearest store.

*Community Health Centers have provided onsite vaccination clinics in some areas

*In some small rural communities, local medical providers have done so

*Rural hospitals have also stepped in to provide these clinics in some areas

The solution to perceived lack of a vaccination provider is advance planning. As mentioned in my oral testimony, planning should begin in the summer months. This allows the vaccination agency to order vaccine in time, and allows for staffing plans. In my experience, once a facility has had one onsite vaccination clinic with an available provider, the relationship continues in subsequent years.

It is rare that a community has no available vaccination provider, however the original draft of this bill had additional language which may be helpful:

Memory Care and Assisted Living facilities shall organize a minimum of one annual onsite vaccination clinic during respiratory season for consenting residents when offered by community vaccination providers.

COSTS: In my experience working with multiple vaccination providers there are no costs to the facility. The vaccinating agency bills the patient insurance and charges no fees to the facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN: There is minimal administrative burden on the residential care facility.

They need to:

*Send email to the personal representatives with vaccine clinic date and attach the vaccination information packet which includes Consent and Health Screening form, Vaccine Information Statements for each vaccine offered, Insurance information

*Collect the returned forms and hand them to the vaccinator on the day of clinic

*Assist residents to the vaccination area on the day of clinic

Many elders in residential care need and want vaccinations to prevent severe illness from respiratory infections and are unable to leave the facility to do so.

Please do support SB1030 so those most vulnerable Oregonians have access to preventive health care recommended for them.

Thank you,

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