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The Honorable Floyd Prozanski
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Prozanski, Members of the Committee:

Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics is a nurse-led organization founded by community members over 125 years ago. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve.

I'm pleased to write today in support of Senate Bill 1173. This bill simply clarifies that hospitals are not manufacturers, distributors, sellers or lessors of a product under Oregon's product liability statutes. These protections apply only if they were not involved in the design or manufacture of the product and that the product is provided to a patient as part of health care services.

SB 1173 addresses a significant gap in Oregon's liability statutes raised by *Providence Health Services v. Brown*.¹ More critically, it protects hospitals from liability lawsuits that should be directed to manufacturers.

I urge your support of SB 1173.

Sincerely,



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Chief Legal Officer

¹ *Providence Health System-Oregon v. Brown*, 372 Or. 225 (Or. 2024)