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The Honorable Rob Nosse, Chair
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Chair Nosse, 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 House Bill 33274. 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.

HB 3324 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 HB 3324.

Sincerely,



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Chief Legal Officer

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