



Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Independent Medical Coalition (OIMC) writes to offer its support of SB 1173/HB 3324 with a friendly amendment. The OIMC represents a diverse group of independent health clinics that wish to remain independent. We respectfully request that the committee consider adding medical clinics to the protections under the bill as well as hospitals.

These bills are brought forward because in 2024, the Oregon Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of *Brown v. GlaxoSmithKline, LLC* (372 Or. 225) that extended a concept known as strict products liability to anyone who provides a product or supply to a patient when taking care of that patient.

Like hospitals, which would be provided protections under SB 1173/HB 3324, clinics use thousands of products daily but are not involved in the design or manufacturing of the products. We are concerned about the exposure to hospitals and clinics that the recent opinion creates, and appreciate that SB 1173/HB 3324 restores the protections that physicians have had in place since 2009 for hospitals. We respectfully join the Oregon Medical Association in a request that medical clinics be added to the bill via an amendment, and appreciate the Hospital Association of Oregon's partnership on this request.

Thank you for your consideration,

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