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Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301 Submitted electronically via OLIS

RE: HB 3572, relating to emergency medical services

Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon supports policies for patients in their communities to receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Coordination of emergency health care is foundational for all Oregonians. HB 3572 will bolster the infrastructure, workforce, and system changes needed to safeguard and coordinate access to time-sensitive medical services across the state.

We appreciate Rep. Dacia Grayber's leadership and extensive work with stakeholders to achieve our mutual goal of fostering a long-term, executable vision for emergency medical services in Oregon that is focused on solutions that impact the entire state.

Sincerely,

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About the Hospital Association of Oregon

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO) is a mission-driven, nonprofit trade association representing Oregon's 61 hospitals. Together, hospitals are the sixth largest private employer statewide, employing more than 70,000 employees. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer, more equitable Oregon where all people have access to the high-quality care they need, the hospital association supports Oregon's hospitals so they can support their communities; educates government officials and the public on the state's health landscape and works collaboratively with policymakers, community based organizations and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's four million residents.

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