



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

To: [House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection](#)

From: Charlie Swanson, Chair, Platform Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Re: Support for HB 3234 with the -2 amendment – authorizes the Attorney General to investigate when business practices unfairly impact delivery of health care

March 18, 2025

Dear Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 100,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge you to authorize the Attorney General to help protect health care consumers by supporting HB 3234 with the -2 amendment.

The bill authorizes Oregon's Attorney General (AG) to investigate when business practices unfairly impact the delivery of health care to consumers. In recent years, both vertical and horizontal integration of health care entities have added administrative burdens and led to reduced or constrained access. Companies have learned to steer patients to particular insurance coverage or certain medications for the purpose of increasing profit rather than the good of the patient. This leads not only to worse patient care, but to increased costs for businesses, taxpayers, and families.

Current law constrains the AG's office from intervening in issues related specifically to healthcare. This bill would rectify the situation and authorize the AG to investigate and bring civil enforcement actions when necessary. The -2 amendment expands the scope of the bill from only health insurance companies to all health care business entities that might engage in unfair healthcare practices.

We strongly urge the Committee to move HB 3234 forward with the -2 amendment.