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The Honorable Dacia Grayber
House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards
900 Court Street NE
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RE: **Oppose HB 3374**

Dear Chair Grayber and Honorable Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Chiropractic Association opposes HB 3374 introduced at the request of the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation (SAIF) and we respectfully urge your "no-vote."

Currently Oregonians injured at work have significant difficulty finding and receiving timely quality medical care because few medical providers will accept workers' compensation cases. In short, Oregon has an "access to medical care" problem that is only worsening with time. The current access problem exists in part due to the additional administrative that burden workers' compensation claims represent in a healthcare provider's practice and Oregon's current closed panel managed care organizations (MCOs) system only serves to increase that burden.

Adding yet another closed panel, "SAIF MCO," would only serve to exacerbate our current access problem by increasing the administrative burden thereby reducing further, the number of medical providers willing to accept workers' compensation cases.

Additionally, SAIF's HB-3374 -2 amendments would provide attending **physician** status to nurse practitioners and PAs (physician assistants) while at the same time

SAIF denies the same for Oregon's chiropractic **physicians** and is a disservice to Oregon's injured workers. Chiropractic physicians are first contact portal of entry physician types and arguably one of the best if not the best healthcare provider to manage non-surgical spine (e.g., back & neck) related musculoskeletal injuries and pain. Back and neck injuries are among the most frequently reported workplace injuries in Oregon. A chiropractic physician's comprehensive clinical training (see attached exhibit) with a focus on "hands-on" non-pharmacological evidence-based treatment namely chiropractic manipulative therapy (CMT) is in part why chiropractic care is so effective and results in significant cost savings (see attached exhibit).

For the above reasons we urge your no vote on HB-3374.

Sincerely,

Amanda Tipton Stiller, DC

President