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Regarding: Support for SB 1060-1

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Angela Donley. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Oregon Consumer Justice in support of SB 1060-1.

Oregon Consumer Justice (OCJ) envisions a vibrant future where all Oregonians live with dignity and abundance and experience health, joy, and economic opportunity. We work collaboratively across policy and advocacy, community engagement, and the law, to realize a more just and equitable Oregon where people come first. For too long, flawed systems and policies have stood in the way of this reality, with communities of color most often experiencing significant harm. Informed by consumer insights, OCJ works to make financial and business transactions reliably safe and supports Oregonians in knowing and exercising their consumer rights.

Oregonians deserve clear and accurate pricing information to make informed decisions about their healthcare when seeking services at hospitals.

Under current federal law, hospitals are required to post their prices for services online. However, due to a lack of enforcement, much of this information is often incomplete, missing, or difficult for consumers to navigate. This highlights the urgent need for SB 1060. A study by OSPIRG revealed that only 34% of surveyed Oregon hospitals provided useful and user-friendly price transparency tools.¹ Colorado faced similar challenges before passing comparable legislation. After implementing their law, hospital compliance rose significantly, with 84.2% of Colorado hospitals receiving a Good or Fair price transparency rating within a year—an increase of over 10% from Fall 2022.²

¹ ["Price Transparency at Oregon Hospitals."](#) OSPIRG, 11 Mar. 2025

² ["Hospital Price Transparency."](#) Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, WTVG Staff

The cost of a single service can vary drastically across hospitals. For instance, joint replacement surgery can range from \$5,000 to \$30,000, depending on the facility.³ Oregon Consumer Justice believes SB 1060 will standardize pricing requirements, ensuring hospitals provide clear and accessible pricing information. This will give consumers the knowledge they need to make informed choices, foster competition, and ultimately lower the overall cost of medical costs.⁴

Consumers have the right to know the cost of their healthcare in advance, allowing them to plan financially or explore other options. SB 1060 will enable consumers to easily compare prices and make decisions about where to seek care.

Thank you for your consideration and your service in building the future that Oregonians deserve.

³ ["Joint Replacement Surgery Costs Vary Greatly between Hospitals."](#) Premier, 23 May 2018.

⁴ ["The Importance of Competition for the American Economy | CEA | The White House."](#) National Archives and Records Administration, National Archives and Records Administration, 9 July 2021.

