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### CareOregon Comments on HB 22054

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the -1 amendment to HB 2205. CareOregon is a community non-profit currently serving over 500,000 members of the Oregon Health Plan through ownership of Columbia Pacific CCO, Jackson Care Connect, and as a founding member of Health Share of Oregon.

While CareOregon is opposed to the base bill, we are supportive of the -1 amendment and the Oregon Health Authority's commitment to delay the next CCO procurement by an additional two years. We believe CareOregon, our provider partners, and OHP members will be well-served by the stability afforded by the delay. Throughout the last five years, the coordinated care model has adapted to the unprecedented challenges connected to the global pandemic while working to implement a number innovative new initiatives such as the Basic Health Plan, the Healthier Oregon Program expansion, and the health related social needs benefit attached to Oregon's new 1115 Demonstration waiver.

CareOregon remains supportive of the goals set out by Governor Kotek at the beginning of this process and will continue to work with the Oregon Health Authority and other stakeholders to further improve the coordinated care model ahead of the next procurement.

Thank you for this opportunity lend our voice to this important conversation.

Sincerely,



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