

Labor and Workplace Standards Committee

March 26, 2025

Re: **Opposing House Bill 3374**

Dear Members of the Committee:

Let me start with the fact that I have been in practice for 51 years and I have dealt with SAIF Corporation all those years. For my first six years in practice, I was considered an attending physician within the Worker's Compensation arena and everything worked well.

At this time, I would like to express my strong opposition to SAIF Corporation's attempt to start their own managed care organization or MCO. This will quickly result in reduced injured worker access to timely care.

Initially circa 1991-92, the state of Oregon's MCOs were open panels known as "any willing healthcare provider." Any healthcare provider willing to follow the MCO rules and state laws were allowed on the panel providing greater access and quality of care for injured workers. However, it is my understanding that pressured by SAIF, the MCOs all closed their panels, severely reducing access to quality care and this has only worsened over the last 25+ years.

Allowing SAIF Corporation to form yet another closed panel MCO is a bad idea and will only worsen the access problem for injured workers. Please vote **NO** on this proposal.

Thank you,

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