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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

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Thank you for the opportunity to write a testimony on the critical need for a Certificate of Need requirement for Oregon. As a certified hospice and palliative care nurse I encourage this committee to take action and prevent the rapid growth and oversaturation of hospice providers in highly populated areas. A Certificate of Need requirement would reduce risk of "bad actors" establishing or relocating to Oregon, reducing the risk for fraud, waste, and abuse, while maintaining flexibility in granting licenses to hospices in rural areas that struggle with access to quality hospice care. Please take action by approving this bill that will help protect Oregon from fraud, waste, and abuse and establish a process to ensure new hospice applicants are approved based of need and not profit motives.