
TO: Senate Committee on Healthcare
FROM: Community Action for Responsible Hospitals
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SUBJECT: Hold Hospitals Accountable – Reject HB 2385

Our organization, representing the interests of workers, faith leaders, healthcare providers, and patient advocates, urge you to oppose House Bill 2385. Backed by corporate interests, this legislation reinforces harmful, profit-driven practices in our healthcare system by allowing big hospitals and their business partners expanded access to 340B savings.

The abuse of the 340B program is not an isolated issue – it’s a clear symptom of a broader trend: the corporatization of our healthcare system, where profit comes before patients.

Under 340B, hospitals capture steep discounts with the intent that they use the savings to make medications affordable for low-income and uninsured patients – and reinvest in improving care for the communities they serve.

However, there is extensive evidence that 340B’s mission is not being fulfilled in Oregon. Despite collecting significant revenues through 340B:

- Oregon hospitals have an average charity care rate of [1.8%](#), which is far below the [2.28%](#) national average.
- At one 340B hospital in Oregon, the CEO made over [\\$5.5 million](#) in annual income in 2023. Another report shows an Oregon hospital executive being paid over [\\$14 million](#).
- [Patients have sued](#) Oregon hospitals, and the state saw its first physician strike, as [nurses protested for fair wages](#) while their hospitals profited from 340B.
- Hospitals in Oregon have a history of aggressive medical debt practices. Patients that qualified for free care [were harassed and charged thousands](#) for care they received at tax-exempt hospitals.

HB 2385 will allow big, tax-exempt hospitals to continue to pocket millions of dollars while forsaking the most vulnerable patients. Findings of a recent [congressional investigation](#) confirmed that hospitals “generated hundreds of millions of dollars in 340B revenue, but do not pass 340B discounts directly to their patients.” When it comes to 340B, big hospitals require more accountability and transparency, not less. We strongly urge the Senate Committee on Healthcare to reject HB 2385 and work to uphold Oregon’s vital healthcare system for patients who rely on it.

