

Thank you Chairman Kropf and members of this Committee for bringing SB233A up for a hearing today. I am grateful to Senator Manning for his sponsorship and Senator Prozanski for rising to speak in support of this amended bill, as well as your colleagues in the Senate Judiciary for their unanimous vote and the full Senate for it's passage before coming here to the House.

This medical ordeal has been a nightmare for my family, co-workers and all who I am responsible to, care for and depend on me. Thank you for patiently reviewing the testimonies and documents on OLIS and the time you have taken to ask your questions and visit in your offices. As you know, when I learned about Oregon's five year SOUR for medical negligence, I determined to offer my story as evidence that this law should have parity with the other State negligence laws that are ten year SOUR.

It remains my hope that the medical SOUR will be revisited in an upcoming session.

I've been shown a full measure of consideration, thoughtfulness and compassion as I've navigated the Capitol hallways. I have met many individual members of the Legislature and their staff and each person has been kind and clearly committed to being part of the solution for all Oregonians during these polarizing and complicated times.

This has been a truly humbling experience.

As a person of faith and belief in justice, I want to thank each of you for your ongoing work for all Oregonians as well as ask for your vote, please, in support of SB233A.