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SUPPORT SB 1060A Patient Transparency Act

SB 1060A empowers patients by requiring posting of easily accessible, clear information on hospital services and pricing. Providing patients with cost information in advance of receiving care allows them to shop for services and creates competition between hospitals, driving down the overall cost. Federal rule already requires hospitals to post their price list transparently online but compliance and enforcement is inconsistent and, at times, nearly non-existent. As a result, Oregon's consumers receive varying levels of accessible information – most of which is difficult to understand.

SB 1060A will standardize requirements for hospitals to post services pricing in dollar amounts, which will allow Oregon patients to easily compare data when they are deciding where to receive their care.

While some Oregon hospitals are clearly posting prices for services, many post information that is confusing and unclear, and looks like this:

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— real example of pricing information published by an Oregon hospital

FAST FACTS:

Federal rule already requires hospitals publish their prices online for patients – but **often data is missing, incomplete, or difficult to interpret.**

Prices for a single service, like an MRI or joint replacement surgery, can vary widely across hospitals, **sometimes by as much as 31x.**

Colorado and Ohio have led the way by passing similar legislation with **unanimous or near unanimous support from both Democrats and Republicans.**

SB 1060A will ensure that Oregon consumers have access to clear pricing information so they can make an informed decision on where to receive healthcare.

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