

## **SB 1528 and SB 1529**

### **Call for full transparency by Oregon Democrats**

At 1:37PM on 2/9/2026 a preliminary agenda was posted for the 3:00PM meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Care. That agenda schedules SB 1528 and SB 1529 for Public Hearing and possible Work Sessions. As the agenda items note:

#### **Public Hearing and Possible Work Session**

##### **SB 1528**

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##### **SB 1529**

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these are both boilerplate bills in OLIS as of this writing at 2/10/2026 so the hearing and work session presumably are to consider amendments.

##### **SB 1528**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Overview/SB1528>

##### **SB 1529**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Measures/Overview/SB1529>

OLIS currently lists only two proposed amendments to SB 1528: The -3 amendment introduced by Senator Smith would make technical changes to existing Oregon law. The -2 amendment "requested" by the committee is a constitutionally challengeable amendment with unclear motives. As of this writing there already are a number of written testimony submissions --- all in opposition to the bill --- some of which don't seem to address either the boilerplate bill or the questionable -2 amendment.

The only proposed amendment currently listed in OLIS to SB 1529 is the -2 amendment introduced by Senator Smith. It is analogous to the proposed SB 1528 -3 amendment. Yet Sen. Patterson and Karen Frascone have already filed written testimony on some unpublished proposed legislation that would appear to have sweeping consequences.

The people of Oregon are entitled to a far more respectful legislative process than has been happening and that starts with full transparency.

The *Member Guidebook 83rd Legislative Session* makes explicitly clear that the disrespectful lack of transparency in situations like this is by the decision of our legislators:

## **Member Guidebook 83rd Legislative Session**

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/secretary-of-senate/Documents/Member%20Guidebook%202025.pdf>

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Frascone's public testimony on SB 1529 says:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/242055>

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I am strongly urging the Senate to pass Senator Patterson's bill to mandate arbitration between health insurance provider systems and health insurance carriers.

Ms. Frascone apparently was made aware of "Senator Patterson's bill" sometime on or before 2/9/2026. As of this writing 10:00AM 2/10/2026 there apparently is no such legislation posted in OLIS for SB 1529. Perhaps Frascone's testimony may have been erroneously submitted to SB 1529. But Sen. Patterson herself posted a copy of a KFF/NPR story on the same topic:

### **When Hospitals and Insurers Fight, Patients Get Caught in the Middle**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/237318>

Sen. Patterson and all members of the Senate Committee on Health Care are called on to post all of the files the Legislative Counsel developed in its work on SB 1528 and SB 1529 as written public testimony in the OLIS page for each bill respectively.