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Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 1528 -2 Reporting Obligations for Patient Assistance Programs

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the –2 amendment of SB 1528. Kaiser Permanente exists to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We serve over 616,000 members in Oregon that access coverage through a variety of plans spanning the commercial, Medicaid and Medicare markets.

Kaiser Permanente was pleased to support House Bill 4005 (2018). The Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act, which was passed with broad bipartisan support. Among other provisions, HB 4005 required a report on the number of people who use a manufacturer prescription assistance program (PAP) when the price increase of a drug exceeded more than 10%. SB 1528 goes one step further by requiring a report on the number of people who use a PAP, even without an increase to the drug price. In addition to bolstering transparency and accountability, if passed with the inclusion of the -2 amendments, SB 1528 would help with:

- **Cost Management:** By knowing how many patients are utilizing PAPs, we can identify potential cost savings by directing patients towards programs that best fit their needs, potentially reducing out-of-pocket expenses.
- **Patient Care Improvement:** Access to necessary medications is crucial for patient health, and understanding PAP usage will allow us to identify gaps in coverage and advocate for better patient access to essential drugs.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Reporting on PAP usage provides valuable data that can inform our strategies regarding medication management, including negotiating drug prices with manufacturers and designing patient education programs.

SB 1528 –2 increases transparency around drug costs, and we encourage your support.

Sincerely,

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