

To: Oregon Senate Committee on Health Care  
From: Oregon Life Sciences Association  
Re: Opposition to SB 1528

Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee;

Oregon Life Sciences opposes SB 1528 and the -2 amendment. Oregon Life Sciences is the statewide trade association representing Oregon's life sciences industry, including biotechnology, medical devices, diagnostics, biomanufacturing, bio agriculture, and related research and supply-chain companies. Our members are on the front lines of discovering, developing and manufacturing cutting-edge therapies and devices to treat and cure a wide range of conditions. Our members are committed to access to the best care for patients in Oregon and globally.

The proposed amendments to SB 1528 create several legal issues for our members and programs they may offer. First, patient assistant programs come in a variety of forms, from facilitating transportation to infusions, to procurement or service of devices and equipment. These types of required disclosure would need to comply with all HIPPA and other federal laws. This could be particularly true in rural parts of the state. With such limited public process, we have not had ample time to review the compliance challenges or technical regulatory issues raised by this bill. Secondly, Oregon's current transparency law is already under legal scrutiny; adding new transparency requirements only complicates the existing program, increases fees, and ultimately means more costs to patients or consumers.

SB 1528 and the -2 amendments do not address the fundamental challenges facing Oregonians and pending changes to our health care system. The proposal does not improve access, care or treatment for patients, nor does it spur new innovation. Introducing legislation during a short-session that creates questions and adversity amongst insurers, patients, manufacturers and other entities is not a pragmatic policy approach.

For these reasons, we oppose SB 1528 and the -2 amendments.

Thank you,



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