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Fraud Fighting Legislation Heads to Senate Floor

Receives Full Support from Committee Members and Director of the Oregon Health Authority

Salem, OR – Bill to help Oregon combat Medicaid fraud passed Senate Health Care & Human Services Committee with unanimous support. [Senate Bill 753](#) could potentially save the State of Oregon millions of dollars each year with no cost to implement this element to the program. During committee testimony Bruce Goldberg, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, expressed his support for SB 753.

“As I think committee members know, as an agency we have been trying to be neutral on bills, having said that, this is a good bill,” Goldberg testified. “What this bill really does is capitalize on new technology that is just becoming available that has a variety of predictive modeling built in to our payment systems.”

After passing the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, SB 753 is set to move to the Senate Floor for a vote. With Senator Tim Knopp’s leadership, the legislation has already garnered 18 bi-partisan sponsors from the Oregon Senate.

“Oregon works best when we can come together to create solutions,” affirms Sen. Knopp. “As families throughout this state continue struggling, we’ve pledged to our communities to be vigilant and resourceful with taxpayer dollars. This is not a Republican vs. Democrat fight. This is a bi-partisan fight against those that would game and cheat the system.”

Sen. Knopp was previously in the Legislature from 1999 to 2005 for three terms, including one as Oregon House Majority Leader, where he led the PERS Reforms of 2003 that saved taxpayers billions. He was appointed to the Education and Workforce Development and Health Care and Human Services committees for the 2013 Legislative Session. Tim was elected to his first term in the Oregon State Senate in November 2012. Senate District 27 encompasses the Central Oregon communities of Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, and Tumalo.

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