BOBBY LEVY STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 27, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2010A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

HB 2010A extends several healthcare-related assessments, including taxes on health insurance premiums, hospitals, and managed care organizations (MCOs), to sustain Medicaid funding, the Oregon Reinsurance Program, and other healthcare initiatives. While the bill aims to provide financial stability for these essential programs, it does so by continuing a funding model that relies heavily on provider taxes. These extended taxes could ultimately lead to higher healthcare costs for businesses and consumers, placing an additional financial burden on Oregonians.

I believe this is a sneaky tax increase disguised as an extension of existing funding mechanisms. While I support efforts to maintain access to healthcare, I am concerned that this approach increases costs without addressing the underlying affordability issues in our healthcare system. Relying on prolonged and expanded taxation is not the right path forward, and for that reason, I will be voting NO on HB 2010A.

Sincerely,

Bobby Levy, State Representative for House District 58