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Timothy G. Sekerak
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RE: Vote Explanation on HB2385A

I voted yes on HB 2385A because at its core, this bill protects access to discounted medications for the clinics and pharmacies that serve some of Oregon's most vulnerable patients. That said, my vote came with reservations.

While the intention behind the 340B program is sound, we have seen some large hospital systems exploit a loophole, particularly through their affiliation with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), to maximize profit under the guise of community care. These practices drive up costs and divert resources away from the patients the program was meant to help. I am deeply concerned about how these loopholes are being used to increase profits rather than expand access.

I supported this bill because it helps small Federally Qualified Health Centers, but we still have work to do. Moving forward, I will be looking closely at ways to close these loopholes to always ensure the benefits reach the people who need them most.

Thank you,

State Representative Travis Nelson
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