



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 13**

March 6, 2026

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

RE: Vote Explanation on House Bill 4075A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

As a representative from Eugene, I know how devastating a hospital closure is for a community. My vote on this bill does not reflect a lack of concern for the impact that the Bay Area Hospital becoming insolvent would have for the region. However, the mechanism to support the hospital included in HB 4075A poses serious legal risks for the State and for education funding, and does not guarantee a long-term solution to the hospital's financial situation.

It guarantees a loan of up to \$44 million for up to 20 years using the Unclaimed Property and Estate Fund. The interest on that fund goes to the Common School Fund, a key source of money for schools. Passage of HB 4075A in its current form would result in millions of dollars less in Common School Fund distributions over the next two decades, in addition to seriously dampening growth within the fund.

Further, using money from the Unclaimed Property Fund could subject Oregon to lawsuits, as experienced by other states, which could jeopardize the State's right to continue using the fund going forward.

The short legislative session did not allow time to investigate alternatives and identify a better source of funds instead of pitting education funding against health care.

Additionally, I have an overarching concern about local districts or jurisdictions that don't use their taxing authority to help support services to their constituents, while other jurisdictions do; this is fundamentally unfair and needs to be addressed in a future legislative session.

For these reasons, I voted "nay."

Sincerely,

Nancy Nathanson  
State Representative, House District 13