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Riley sets hearing on OHA's handling of FamilyCare dispute *Riley chairs the Senate General Government and Accountability Committee*

SALEM – Sen. Chuck Riley, D-Hillsboro, is calling on Oregon Health Authority staff to answer questions before the Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability regarding the agency's handling of a dispute with a Portland-area coordinated care organization.

"It is highly irregular that a state agency would plan to engage in any kind of campaign to attack another entity," Riley said. "It is incumbent upon the Legislature to ensure that state agencies are accountable for their actions. The Committee on General Government and Accountability is the best group to begin delving into this issue and asking questions that Oregonians deserve to have answered."

The hearings will be set during the committee's meeting during the upcoming Legislative Days, which run Sept. 18 through 20 at the State Capitol. More details about exact time, date and location will be released once they are finalized.

Recent media reports brought to light a plan at the Oregon Health Authority that sought to discredit FamilyCare Health, one of Oregon's 16 coordinated care organizations. OHA and FamilyCare had been locked in a years-long dispute over disagreements regarding the agency's ratemaking process. In the wake of those reports, OHA Director Lynne Saxton resigned.

"In these situations it's vital that we not only hold people accountable, but learn from it so we don't repeat past mistakes," Riley said. "By uncovering all the facts, we can correct issues and continue championing transparency and accountability in state government."

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