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Mr. Guy Boileau and Mr. John Mohlis; Co-Chairs
Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee
Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services
350 Winter Street NE, Room 200
Salem, Oregon 97301-3878

Subject: HB 4052

Dear Co-Chairs Boileau and Mohlis:

Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) urges you to reject HB 4052, which requires notice of treatment options to injured workers. The proposal is unnecessarily duplicative, as current law already allows Oregon workers to choose their own attending physician.

HB 4052 requires employers to process additional paperwork for every workplace injury, with no readily apparent benefit to either the worker or the employer. The employer must not only provide this new form to an employee and ensure that they sign it, but also retain the signed form for an indefinite period of time, and make it available to any third party who requests it, without apparent limitation.

This increased paperwork burden will be costly to employers, assures no improvement in the medical treatment workers receive, and will not speed claims processing. In short, the bill does nothing to help either of the parties the workers' compensation system was designed for—the employer and the injured worker.

AOI urges your no vote on HB 4052.

Sincerely,

Betsy Earls
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