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Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
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Representative Mitch Greenlick
Chair, House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE, H-493
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and Representative Greenlick,

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is pleased to provide you and your colleagues with the accompanying report, developed as directed under House Bill 4017.

In 2016, the Legislature directed DCBS to identify federal provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that may be subject to waiver or waiver-alternative approaches Oregon could consider for achieving Basic Health Program objectives. To assist in this consideration, the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee designated a stakeholder subcommittee to advise the advisory committee and the department.

The attached HB 4017 Subcommittee Progress Report:

- Lists barriers and issues the subcommittee believes prevent or reduce some Oregonians' access to affordable, high-quality health care
- Describes several alternative strategies that could be implemented without a 1332 waiver, and notes that these approaches may allow greater flexibility in funding, timeline, and implementation
- Recommends that, given the current uncertainty about ACA continuity or revision, and the lengthy waiver application and approval process, Oregon not pursue a 1332 waiver at this time
- Recommends revisiting the usefulness of a waiver or alternative approaches after the ACA has been extended or amended and actionable strategies can be identified
- Recommends making a final HB 4017 report to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2017

The Marketplace Advisory Committee and DCBS accepted the subcommittee's progress report.

DCBS requests the opportunity to make a final HB 4017 report to the Legislature by July 1, 2017. We hope that final report will benefit from our having greater clarity on federal health reform actions by that time, and additional direction from the Marketplace Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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Oregon State Legislature
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