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**STATEMENT ON OREGON LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY BOARD FUNDING TO HELP RELIEVE  
HOSPITAL CAPACITY CRISIS**

**Lake Oswego, Ore. – September 23, 2022** – Becky Hultberg, President and CEO of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, released the following statement on the emergency board decision to pass funding requests from OHA and DHS to help with relieve the capacity crisis in our community hospitals:

“On behalf of Oregon’s community hospitals, I want to express gratitude to the Legislature’s Emergency Board, which approved the OHA and DHS requests for emergency funds. This funding will help relieve the capacity crisis in our hospitals, preserving access to lifesaving care.

We still have much work to do, but this is a great start. Thank you to Senator Peter Courtney, Representative Dan Rayfield, and the rest of the emergency board for approving these much-needed funds.”

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