



Northwest Kidney Council
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Washington House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
RE: Support for HB 1379

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Chair Bronoske, members of the committee,

On behalf of the Northwest Kidney Council, thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony for HB 1379, which could lead to improved access to primary care for all Washingtonians.

Our organization partners with patient advocates, health care professionals, care providers and researchers to advance kidney care in both Washington and Oregon. Together we are committed to ensuring that all patients with kidney disease receive high quality care and that treatment is accessible to all.

For individuals living with kidney disease, access to robust primary care is essential in addressing comorbidities such as diabetes and hypertension, two leading causes of kidney failure. Transparent reporting would shed light on whether insurers are adequately investing in primary care services that could prevent or delay the onset of these conditions.

It would also help identify disparities in healthcare spending, allowing health care leaders and advocates to identify reforms that ensure all patients — especially those with chronic conditions like kidney disease — receive equitable access to care that can improve outcomes and reduce long-term costs.

This legislation aligns closely with the Northwest Kidney Council's mission to enhance the lives of kidney patients and dialysis providers through advocacy and policy. It represents an opportunity to influence systemic change that prioritizes primary care as a cornerstone of health equity.

We know you share our commitment to a healthcare system where early detection and management of kidney-related conditions receives the attention and funding it deserves. Thank you for your consideration of this crucial matter and we respectfully encourage you to join us in support of this effort.

Sincerely,

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