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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and distinguished members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Dr. Patrick Reeder DC CCSP, I practice in Lewiston and I am testifying on behalf of myself in support of LD 1785. I have been in practice since April of 2008. Since approximately 2011 I have not received a COLA increase while also experiencing a sharp increase in overhead costs, staff salaries, property taxes and utilities with no end in sight. Over the years I have attempted to negotiate better rates with insurances only to be told that is what they offer to everyone and there is no negotiating. Basically, take it or leave it. To make matters worse it takes months for us to exit a contract and when we choose to stay, we are forced into an evergreen provision, forcing us to take what we are given. For the past 11 years I have attempted to bring in other doctors to my practice, but the high cost of living and low reimbursement is a roadblock. This bill is necessary to level the playing field and give us a voice in negotiations. I appreciate your time on this matter. Yours In Health, Dr. Patrick Reeder DC CCSP