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OHA Director Patrick Allen said, “**Oregon's** health **care** system began preparing for ... At the same time, they **paint** a dark picture of what could happen.

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So your intended generous donation then becomes more stress and expense for us because then we have to turn those items into **landfill** items" Fletcher ...

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