

## OBCE House Health Committee

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for taking the time to read this written testimony. My name is Dr. Roger Setera. I have been a Doctor of Chiropractic since 1966 and currently semi-retired. I was appointed in 1993 and served on the OBCE for four years. This letter is a compilation of mine and my associate's opinions who have served on the OBCE, on OBCE Committees, and on Oregon State Chiropractic Association boards. This is a summary of just one side of the chiropractic story that we feel must be investigated. There is no way to minimize the severity of these issues.

As many of you may know, the chiropractic profession was severely limited by SB1197 in 1989. The legislature told us then we could get back full, unlimited attending physician status if we would correct our utilization issues. The answer was for the OBCE to follow its own statutes and rules therefore salving the problem. The legislature has given us this autonomy, the majority of our profession did not take this responsibility lightly, but because of political changes board appointments were altered and the clean up never occurred.

As time progressed, the D.C. practitioners became fragmented and two groups formed. One, the Oregon Doctors of Chiropractor voiced the need for the OBCE to correct the problems pointed out by the legislature after SB1197. It had nothing to do with chiropractic effectiveness, but that the profession was not acting responsibly in treatment parameters, (utilization, being cost efficient).

It was our opinion that our agency had been infected by doctors with conflicts of interest.

Therefore in 2000, in response to the OBCE wanting to raise our fees, many of us petitioned the legislative Ways and Means Committee to review the practices, policies and procedures of the OBCE. Beginning with legislative fiscal, and then with the chairs of the Ways and Means/Budget Committees, we demonstrated that the board should not receive a 50% fee increase they were asking for.

If memory serves me correct only a 5% or 10% fee increase was granted to the OBCE because of constitutional requirements. We had proven to the Ways and Means/Budget Committee members that a 50% fee increase was not warranted because of their waste. Senator Yi told us that were it not for

the Oregon Constitution, she would have refused any service level increase. Our testimony was clear, concise and backed by facts, which is still on record.

Then we addressed the actual OBCE policies. The OBCE was infiltrated with Independent Medical Examiners (IME'S) and their cronies. Our statutes and rules were being used only when convenient. They were spending money on redundant practice guidelines we didn't need.

At the same time because of the evidence provided by us to the legislature they turn down five selections by the executive office to become OBCE board members. I do believe this was the first time in the history of Oregon such an event occurred. Many Senators and Representatives saw the inequities in our agency and threats to proper care promoted by the IME doctors and their cronies, both on and off the OBCE.

Senator Fisher's Committee had finally decided to do a full investigation of the OBCE. It never occurred because a special session was called. That was 10 years ago and here we are again today because the problem was not salved.

It is our greatest collective wish, for you as potential patients, and for the practicing chiropractors, that you investigate the OBCE policies and practices. I for one, offer my services to clean up this situation. Many of my associates agree that we could do the job in only 120 days if we had the proper OBCE appointments.

Thank you.

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