

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Hello

It has come to my attention that Oregon is considering permitting psychologists to prescribe medication without the same training as Physicians, Nurses and Physician's Assistants. I believe this would be very detrimental to Oregonians.

My job often causes me to be exposed to mental illnesses in adults. I would be opposed to anyone prescribing drugs who is not appropriately trained. It is my understanding that those prescribers in the medical field receive thousands of hours of training under the supervision of physicians. To permit psychologists, (often confused with Medical Psychiatry) to prescribe would be, I believe, devastating to patients. It is my understanding the HB 3355 would not even require oversight by Physicians or any Medical Board, but rather, would be overseen by a board of psychologists.

I believe Oregon legislatures have a duty to protect Oregonians from situations that can be harmful to its citizens. Please, vote "no" regarding HB 3355.

Thank you.

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