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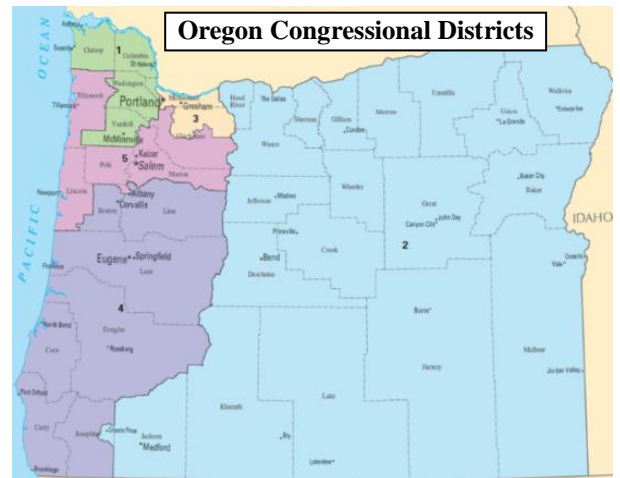
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2113

**Senate Committee on Health Care
Senator Deb Patterson, Chair
April 21, 2021**

Good afternoon Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Medical Board's mission is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.

The Board's fourteen positions include eleven professional and three public members. The statute currently requires at least one of the seven MD members of the board to represent each of the five federal congressional districts. As the board has grown, this MD-specific requirement has resulted in an imbalance of population and geographic representation. Until recently, only one board member represented the two-thirds of Oregon's geography (20% of Oregon's population) east of the Cascade Range. This statutory requirement hinders recruitment of diverse candidates, and the impact of a sixth congressional district is unknown.



House Bill 2113 allows any of the eleven professional members of the Oregon Medical Board to satisfy the requirement that at least one member is appointed from each federal congressional district. This will provide flexibility when identifying candidates and will improve geographic diversity among board members.

HB 2113 would primarily impact the selection criteria for MD members to the Board. The Board's stakeholder groups support or have expressed no concerns with the bill. The House Health Care Committee gave HB 2113 a unanimous "do pass" recommendation, and the bill passed the House with 47 ayes, 1 nay, and 12 excused votes.

**THE OREGON MEDICAL BOARD RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE
COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT BY MOVING HB 2113 TO THE SENATE FLOOR
WITH A "DO PASS" RECOMMENDATION.**

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