

Dear Members of the Healthcare Committee;

I write to you in opposition of HB2541. It is irresponsible medical care to allow optometrists to perform surgeries or procedures they lack the proper training for. The fact that optometrists, who are non-surgeons, would be able to perform all the surgeries authorized in this bill without ever having completed medical school and surgical residency is irresponsible. It would place all Oregonians at risk of creating an unequal standard of care. You should not allow shortcuts to the 8+ years of medical and surgical training needed to safely practice surgery. If optometrists want to perform these procedures and surgeries then they can go back to school to obtain the proper training and credentialing. Please vote NO to HB2541.

Thank you,
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