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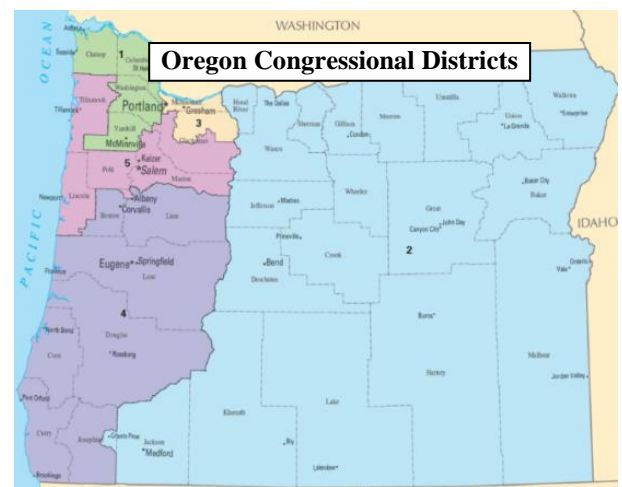
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2113

**House Committee on Health Care
Rep. Rachel Prusak, Chair
February 23, 2021**

Good afternoon Chair Prusak 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 federal congressional district. This MD-specific requirement has resulted in an imbalance of population and geographic representation. Currently, only one board member represents the two-thirds of Oregon's geography (20% of Oregon's population) east of the Cascade Range. This statutory requirement will continue to hinder identification of diverse candidates, especially if Oregon obtains a sixth congressional district.



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 used by the Oregon Medical Association in their nomination of MD members to the Board. The OMA supports this bill, and the Board's other stakeholder groups have expressed no concerns with the bill.

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

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