

I SUPPORT [SB 232].

[SB 232] Telemedicine may confer patients living in Oregon, access to their established out-of-state physician and or physician's assistant medical advice at a reduced cost. There are those who may not have adequate medical insurance to seek out and receive non-life threatening care through costly Emergency Room visits.

During the [2021] Legislative session, Licensure for out-of-state Nurses was discussed to attract Nurses to relocate to the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region (I don't recall if Physician Assistants were included.) Many temporary licenses for out-of-state "Traveling Nurses" were issued during COVID according to my Nurse friends at Kaiser Permanente.

There is talk **[SB 232]** is the first step in doing away with the Licensure restrictions. I do not support these potential changes.

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