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I am writing in opposition to SB 704.

I have watched the Joint Task Force on Universal Health meetings conducted over the course of two years. I understand that this bill is to simply create a governance board. However, it is clear that the governance board will impose universal healthcare and that is truly what this bill is about.

If you are paying attention to the places that have universal healthcare, it wouldn't be that hard to find the problems that come with it. Most notably, the long wait times for patients that greatly impact their health. It was reported back in 2014, that as many as 1400 veterans were forced to wait months to see a doctor and quite a few of them had died. It was horrifying to hear this back in 2014 and to know that it just a few votes away from happening in Oregon.

Don't just pass this bill because it will make you feel good. Also don't just research this issue from people that support it. Do your due diligence and look into the reasons why this will be bad for the citizens of this state.