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Oregon Health Authority, is an AGENCY. This degree of control if SB408 is passed, directs the OHA to establish a process to receive and review health care profession scope of practices requests, which will outline what a health care provider is PERMITTED/REQUIRED to do. This would give the power to CHANGE the scope of practice for an entire health care system, BY AN AGENCY. This is OVER REACH. OHA has constantly been trying to achieve more power over The People, and it has been defeated every time. OHA's role is said to 'work at the pleasure of the Governor'. This is a precursor to incredible abuses through medical professionals (which OHA is not, it's an 'agency') if passed, in regard to the future of health care FOR THE PEOPLE, dictated by an agency. ORS 183.310(9) Defines "Rule" as: "...any agency directive, standard, regulation or statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of any agency. The term includes the amendment or repeal of a prior rule, but does not include: (b) Action by agencies directed to other agencies or other units of government WHICH DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC. This has the open potential to effect health care OF THE PUBLIC by doctors who swear an Hippocratic Oath to their patients/the PEOPLE. OHA are not doctors, nor can dictate care through a doctor's practice. This is just another attempt for extreme over reach by the OHA and others in our legislative branch who what to abuse power through this agency. OHA's attempt to pass HB 1529 extending more power to the OHA Director to create more rules as if legislative, FAILED. Now this attempt for their over reach. I oppose SB408.