

## OPPOSITION TESTIMONY – SB 408

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Dr David McBride. I have been practicing optometrist in the Beaverton/ Raleigh Hills neighborhood for 37 years. I have been involved with most of our legislative efforts in the past 30 years.

I am here in opposition to SB 408. I, like many doctors of optometry located throughout the state, have spent many volunteer hours advocating for scope of practice legislation that will permit us to practice to the full extent of our education and training. SB 408 will accomplish the opposite of what it purports to be a benefit to the state's health care professionals. The implementation of technological advances will also be delayed with this legislation.

The new entity will need to be created and managed by the expansive Oregon Health Authority. The creation of the new review committee will be a lengthy and expensive process within itself. Then the review process will only create roadblocks and restrict access to care.

The proposal includes Section 1(a)(B) which, after a scope proposal is submitted, invites opposition testimonials, accurate or not, to become public record. This creates an unnecessary and burdensome challenge for any provider that is not associated with the Oregon Medical Board. The added layer of bureaucracy forces potential conflicts with numerous categories of MDs when you are, for instance, naturopathic physicians, podiatrists or optometric physicians.

In addition, an amendment has just been introduced that will exempt nurses and dentists. Exemption of any kind defeats the entire purpose purported by the proponents.

Again, SB 408 directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a process to receive and review scope of practice requests and impact statements. The directive will only delay what is already a lengthy process that must move through the legislative process. We respectfully request that when SB 408 comes before you that you vote NO and discard this legislation.

I'd be pleased to answer any questions you may have at this time.

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