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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB408

I "OPPOSE" SB 408.

Oregon Health Authority, is an AGENCY ONLY.

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. Not a licensed medical doctor. Allowing this type of AGENCY over-site is overreaching their boundaries and should not be allowed.

OHA has constantly been trying to achieve more power over The People of our state, and it has been defeated every time.

OHA's role is said to 'work at the pleasure of the Governor'. Power over medical is NOT serving at the pleasure, but at private agency's and individual agendas.

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 that is FOR THE PEOPLE, could now be 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 healthcare 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 yet another attempt for their over reach.

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