

Testimony

Re: SB 408

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to this bill for these reasons:

The various healthcare related boards (Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Chiropractic, Board of Acupuncture, Board of Massage Therapy, etc) currently oversee their profession's licensing, scope of practice, complaints and discipline. These boards are primarily made up of healthcare professionals in each of these specific realms; they are best suited to govern and provide oversight for their own professions' scope of practice, NOT the Oregon Health Authority.

1. The Oregon Health Authority's Leadership Team, has absolutely NO logical or honestly even good reason to oversee scope of practice requests particularly seeing that the team has one licensed healthcare provider, an MD. There are no nurses, chiropractors, LMT's, Acupuncturists, Physical Therapists, etc.
2. The current Boards of the various healthcare disciplines currently oversee these issues and are the best suited to continue.
3. I strongly oppose SB 408. This needs a NO vote.

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