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

Members of the committees,
I oppose HB 2886 and SB 408.

Disputes over professional scope practice have been an area that has always been problematic for Oregon's lawmakers. SB 408 and companion bill HB 2886 is an attempt to formalize "scope of practice" discussions or disputes that may come before the Legislature. The legislation proposes a process involving a committee under the auspices of the Oregon Health Authority to assemble advocates from interested parties. It is hard to see how this process enhances policy-making decisions over that which traditionally has occurred in the various standing legislative committees.

By adding this layer of administrative complexity, the net result will be a costly and untimely delay in developing legislation aimed at improving the health and safety of patients and clients in Oregon.

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