

Submitter: Tracy Tranchitella
On Behalf Of: Myself and the practice of Naturopathic Medicine
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB408

It is my understanding that SB408 will authorize Oregon Health Authority to oversee all medical licensing boards in the state of Oregon. Those who function within OHA are unelected bureaucrats who have no intimate knowledge of the practice of medicine and do not understand the sacred relationship between doctor and patient. State medical licensing boards set the scope of practice for their practitioners based on their training and skills. If bureaucrats step into this process without intimate knowledge of what various types of practitioners provide, they will likely create a void in health care services as they seek to remove modalities they do not understand.

The so-called "standard of care" that is set forth by insurance companies already creates restrictions on access to less invasive and pharmaceutically directed health care. I fear SB480 will tighten the grip on which services are allowed to be available to the public. We have an intelligent and discerning public that has the right to choose what kind of health care is best for them and their families. It is not the job of bureaucrats to make that decision.

I strongly oppose the precedence that would be set forth by SB480 - bureaucratic control of health care in the State of Oregon. Let the public decide what kind of qualified health care they feel is best for them.