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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

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I OPPOSE [HB 4003A] as written.

Before the Legislature heaps upon the State Police a very important and needed task, a dedicated Medical Examiner FUND (separate and Distinct from the General Fund) is a mandatory first step in the process to study the Medical Examiner shortage.

Funding Sources to be used to create the Medical Examiner FUND should be identified and utilized.

The Oregon State Police should have immediate access to the Medical Examiner FUND to pay for the required infrastructure to carry out [HB 403A] mandates.

Somewhere in the labyrinth of the State of Oregon's vast organizations, someone is responsible for allowing the shortage of qualified, licensed Medical Examiners to become an emergency situation. This "someone" needs to be identified and summarily removed from service.

The use of J-1 Visa Waivers should be frowned upon. United States of America citizenship should be a mandatory requirement FOR ALL Medical Examiners.

What a completely avoidable mess is heaped upon the Dutiful Oregon State Police without the necessary funding to carry out the mandates of [HB 4003A].

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Mr. Oregon Concurs, "Create the MEDICAL EXAMINER FUND."