

Submitter: Matthew Davis  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: HB4130

Dear Senators,

I am a physician - a child and adolescent psychiatrist - writing in strong support of HB4130, a bill that would stop corporations from practicing medicine.

Although I am licensed and reside in Oregon, the current nature of strong-handed corporate medicine in Oregon has sent me serving patients rather in California and Washington. I've simply had too many personal experiences with lay-persons attempting to force their corporate agenda on my practice of medicine - telling me what labs to order, issuing effective gag orders in my patient hand-off to other physicians, what time to allocate to patient care, requiring co-signatures on professionals not under my charge, and attempting to represent themselves as my delegates.

It has additionally seemed to have placed physicians at odds with so-called "physician extenders" such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants. In the span of four years of practice in Oregon, I've had 5 nurse practitioners confide in me that they had to drastically cut down their hours or leave their job altogether due to the close-encounters they had with severe harm to patients due to their bosses pushing them more and more to exceed their scope of training and work independently of any/all effective physician oversight.

I've loved Oregon since a kid and it is the happy-ever-after to family. I'd rather live here and pay higher taxes than live in California or Washington. Of course I'd also prefer to see patients closer to home. Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists are in desperate need to Oregon, but unfortunately the "Wild West" of Oregon corporate regulations enabling the lay-practice of medicine have chased so many of us away

I ask you to earnestly review this bill and support it and other much needed corrections to stop corporate hubris and greed from short-circuiting the Oregon Medical Board's regulatory ability over the safe practice of medication.

Sincerely,  
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