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I support SB 951. While Oregon has a bill regulating the corporate practice of medicine it has shortcomings that need correction. We have seen a rapid expansion of mergers and acquisitions of medical practices under the HCMO review process. We must ensure that the consolidation trend in medicine is not to the detriment of patients or care providers. Previous presentations before this committee have shown that consolidation causes prices to rise, patient time with providers can decrease and there is no improvement to patient outcomes. The pressure of practicing in a corporate controlled economically motivated environment as led to burn out of medical providers. It doesn't need to be this way. Please support SB 591 and the HCMO program.