



Oregon's Voice for Long Term Care & Senior Housing

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Senate Committee on Human Services
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97302

Re: OHCA is Neutral on SB 951, Corporate Practice of Medicine

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) represents long term care providers including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, residential care, and memory care-endorsed facilities, and licensed in-home care agencies. Our mission is to promote high-quality care for older adults and people with disabilities in Oregon.

On behalf of our members, OHCA is neutral on SB 951 with the -2 amendment. This legislation is the result of discussions and negotiations that took place over the course of many months between interested parties and stakeholders during the interim. OHCA was pleased to participate in that process and work with the bill's proponents to make changes to a complicated area of law.

As drafted, SB 951 reinforces the Corporate Practice of Medicine doctrine by ensuring that physicians retain ultimate authority over clinical decisions while providing appropriate exemptions that allow for needed flexibility and innovation in the evolving health care landscape.

We appreciate Representative Bowman bringing this concept forward and for working to address our questions and initial concerns, which are addressed in the -2 amendment.

Sincerely,

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