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1. While having a mechanism to remove information from the public facing summary PDF document of board actions seems reasonable, I worry the text of the bill implies broad removal of disciplinary information from the board website given the language "The board shall remove from the website operated by or on behalf of the board, and any publicly accessible print and electronic publications under the board's control, all information related to the discipline of a licensee or associate" . For clarity of language, I would suggest the final bill be clear on what information is being removed (e.g. the summary PDF) and what information is remaining on the website (e.g. the complaint comes up when the search engine on the website is used to look up a provider.

2. Much of the testimony in favor of this bill is very similar, and makes reference a term important in this discussion-

"Oregon's most vulnerable populations" - Given that individuals seeking mental health care may be members of vulnerable and stigmatized populations, ensuring the voice of clients is heard and lowering barriers to clients understanding clinician's licensure status matters. Any legislation seeking to do something which benefits clinicians should also take into account differences in power between clients and clinicians and ensure client's ability to find accurate information about individuals from whom they may receive mental health services, regardless of the intention (e.g. "earnest helpers") of the clinician.