

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

- To: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
- From: Charlie Swanson, Chair, Platform Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County
- Re: Support for HB 3225 requires a professional corporation organized for the purpose of practicing medicine to be led primarily by physicians licensed and practicing medicine in Oregon

March 18, 2025

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 100,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge your support of HB 3225. This bill will help protect against the takeover of medicine by out-of-state private equity and corporate entities.

The bill adds a few requirements for a professional corporation organized for the purpose of practicing medicine in Oregon. It is already required that physicians who are licensed in this state to practice medicine

- Must hold the majority of each class of shares that are entitled to vote; and
- Constitute a majority of members of the board of directors.

HB 3225 specifies that not only must they be licensed to practice medicine in this state, but they must also –

- Have a domicile in Oregon
- Reside in Oregon at least 75% of the time; and
- Be actively providing or managing patient care.

This makes it more likely that the those controlling the provision of care by the professional corporation will understand and empathize with the Oregon patients under their care.

We strongly urge the Committee to move HB 3225 forward.