



MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Broadman, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Public Safety
Rep. Evans, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Public safety
Members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety

From: Mark Bonanno, General Counsel and Vice President of Health Policy

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Re: OMA Comments on HB 5014

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) represents and advocates for more than 7,000 physicians, physician associates, medical and PA students across Oregon. Our mission is to support our members in their efforts to practice medicine effectively, improve the health of Oregonians, and provide the highest quality patient care.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5014 funding for the Oregon Department of Justice and in particular its Civil Enforcement Division that conducts investigations into anticompetitive conduct.

The OMA supports a stronger focus on not allowing corporate interests to trump physician interests in the delivery of medical care to Oregonians. Generally, when bad actors in the health care space engage in conduct that leads to increased health care costs, reduced access to care, and poorer quality of care, we view that as anticompetitive conduct that our DOJ should take a closer look at.

These resources also support existing confidentiality protections for information that a clinician has that they believe in good faith is detrimental to patient care so they may be able to bring that information forward for the DOJ's consideration.

For these reasons the OMA is in support of HB 5014.

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) is the state's largest professional organization engaging in advocacy, policy, and community-building for Oregon's physicians, physician associates, medical students, and physician associate students. The OMA's members speak with one voice as they advocate for policies that improve access to quality patient care, reduce administrative burdens on medical professionals, and improve the health of all Oregonians. Additional information can be found at www.theOMA.org.