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The Oregon Medical Board is not the Board to regulate or license this profession. A better board for licensure would be the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine or the Mental health and Addiction Certification Board...or even no-board at all for those with a certification from a recognized certification society.

Regarding the practice of Acupuncture, the OMB has persistently discriminated against acupuncturists and insisted on excessive safety requirements and training because the western-trained Healthcare professionals on the board view acupuncture as pseudoscience and quackery and have a bias against ethnic and traditional medicine. Regarding Oregon-specific regulations, they reflect the medical profession's obsession with infectious disease which overstates the risks involved in acupuncture. Three states do not even have an acupuncture practices act, and they're doing just fine. Five Point protocol has promise in treating substance use disorders, but putting its regulation under the existing OMB will create unnecessary barriers to licensure due to the OMB's bias. I urge members of the legislature to attend OMB meetings to hear the constant public comments from acupuncture practitioners about this OMB's bias.

To illustrate the OMB's bias against Oriental Medicine, the OMB requires 360 hours of "Western Science" coursework for licensure. The Acupuncture Advisory Committee is evenly split between Acupuncturists and Western Physicians with the Physician dominated board choosing the acupuncture members of the committee.