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Re: SB 806 Support

Dear Rep. Mitch Greenlick and House Healthcare Committee members

We are writing in support of SB 806 which would allow for Team Physicians from other states who are travelling with their teams to care for their athletes while in Oregon. As Family Medicine Physicians who serve as Team Physicians for Portland State University and Lewis and Clark University, we feel that it is safe and prudent for out of state physicians to be granted legal permission to treat their athletes while in Oregon. These Team Physicians will mostly be Family Medicine or Orthopedic Surgery specialist but may also likely be Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatric or Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialists. Our orthopedics colleagues are generally in support of this concept as well. In addition, we are also members of the American Medical Society of Sports Medicine (AMSSM), that is advocating for similar legislation nationwide. Oregon could be one of the first states to pass such legislation, which would put us in a pioneer role as well once again.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions for us.

Respectfully,

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