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I urge a strong NO vote on this bill or any other mandatory take-over of my health care by the state or the Federal Government. I view this type of take-over as a very thinly disguised threat against my life! My care will be rationed by this process and therefore my life will be shortened or extinguished! My first Great Grandchild just turned one year old. I'm in good health and feel I have every right to be able to live long enough to see her grow up. This bill takes that right away from me. It's not yours to take. Other reasons this bill is a really bad idea:

- HB 2922 makes a bad situation even worse. The **CCOs and Exchanges** aren't even completely set up and this bill "**Repeals**" them continues to make a mess out of everyone's life while costing us more. My health care costs have already gone up over 25% and coverage for many drugs is gone.
- This ill-conceived bill gives **unprecedented and absolute authority** over my life and property without due process, to attach anything they want and treat me like a guinea pig in a cage. It's MY life!
- The "Board" (OHA) determines what kind and who will perform health care, even persons I might consider unqualified because of not having the **full and proper schooling** necessary or adequate for specialized care. I don't want some nurse's aid deciding what medication he/she might experiment with on me.
- It is highly **unfair to the doctors** and medical professionals who have spent a great deal of time and money to get their education only to have some nurse or aid receive the same pay. Doctors are already leaving the practice because they won't be allowed to treat people properly or get paid for it fairly.
- **Costs are going to escalate** out of the park as estimated by many studies being reported. You don't have the money, even if you tax everything we own!
- While we are on costs, how in this world do you ever expect to pay for **another 200,000** people who are **not required to be citizens** or even reside in Oregon? You can't pay for the ones you already have. Are you are banking on the Federal Government to help out? With what? We are broke and getting broker every day. We've got 50 states (not 57) to pay for! They are also notorious for not keeping their word. Look at the lies that have been told already...

In short, this bill is a colossal mess. Please stop the insanity and vote NO. Get rid of it before it gets worse and harms more folks. Thank you for your time.