



Oregon Medical Board
Kathleen Haley, Executive Director
1500 SW 1st Avenue Ste 620
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Dear Ms. Haley,

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO) supports the designation of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) as a semi-independent agency. OPSO appreciates the provisions in Senate Bill 279 requiring the OMB to publicly post their biennial budget in addition to submitting the OMB adopted budget to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with the opportunity for a committee hearing if requested.

OPSO believes these provisions allow for appropriate oversight and transparency for the Oregon Medical Board to continue its critical mission to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregon's citizens while providing flexibility for the OMB to efficiently manage operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Derrick Sorweide, DO
President
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon