

Hi Sandy-

My name is Brad Johnson and I am a practicing nurse anesthetist in Newberg Oregon.

I must voice my opposition to the proposed bill HB 2295, coming up tomorrow.

As has always been the case with anesthesia assistants, it is nothing more than a power grab by anesthesiologists who wish to reduce the options people have when choosing anesthesia providers.

Currently hospitals can choose independent CRNAs, CRNAs in a team model, and anesthesiologist only models. Allowing AAs to practice in Oregon accomplishes nothing other than giving anesthesiologists more power by reducing the scope of practice of those they work with. AAs were a creation by anesthesiologists as an attempt to require their own presence at more surgeries thus increasing demand for their oversight. Had the need for this not been so thoroughly debunked by study after study, they may have a claim to some benefit. As it is, they do not.

I would hope that Oregon, and it's representatives would reject any proposal that ultimately costs patients, hospitals, and surgeons more money, options, and access to their current providers.

I oppose this bill, strongly, and hope that it is, as it has in years past, rejected by Oregon.

Thank you-

Brad