

Oregon House Bill 2933

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HB 2933 Title: Relating to civil penalties imposed by the Oregon Medical Board; declaring an emergency.

HB 2933 Catchline/Summary: Authorizes Oregon Medical Board to impose civil penalties on persons not licensed by board. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Dear Representatives:

On the surface HB 2933 may look like an innocuous little bill. It would allow the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to hunt down people practicing medicine without a license. Rhetorically, I ask, "THAT cant be bad, can it? Certainly THIS is for the peace and protection of the public."

This is the problem: If OMB finds, or if OMB takes a complaint on someone practicing medicine without a license, then they can go ahead, issue an opinion and report it to the local DA as a crime. That is, our laws *already* provide a means by which OMB or any citizen may issue a civil or criminal charge against someone who is practicing medicine without a license (or violating any law as person not licensed by OMB). At the very best granting OMB these new powers would be superfluous. At worse, the passage of HB 2933 would grant OMB new powers to abuse the populace.

If HB 2933 were to become law, there would be a whole new set of the population OMB could draw into the secret torture chambers known as "Administrative Law." OMB and OMB *alone* would decide what constitutes practicing medicine without a license and you know what that means. It means ANYONE who presents as competition to conventional medicine, anyone with a new idea, anyone they don't LIKE, anyone they are financially indebted to doesn't like, and in time, YOUR GRANDMA offering you chicken soup for your cold ... would be vulnerable to being drug before the secret tribunals of the OMB and the Office of Administrative Hearings and into the dungeons of Administrative Law.

Anticipating OMB will get SB 279 passed AND assuming it will be declared an EMERGENCY, it is not unreasonable to believe that OMB has new victims already lined up and I'd bet they have a long list of names already generated. This would also serve to nicely line their newly independent coffers.

It is not enough for them to identify witches in Salem, they are looking to tyrannize the entire state. "MEDICINE" is no longer even a part of this. This is about pure, unadulterated, unchecked POWER. This is some other monster altogether. A monster who wants to borrow OMB's "doctor costume."

We can now add to "Administrative Law (minus law), OMB (minus medicine).

Please vote, "Heck, no!" on HB 2933. We already have a judicial branch of government in this state. A system by which accused persons are afforded due process. Even in cases where an accused person is found to be guilty, this is not a rightful excuse for OMB to independently and arbitrarily decide the matter is about "medicine," and spuriously reason, therefore, that they have the right to dig through a dead man's pockets or to extract the gold from his teeth.

Thank you very much for hearing the public on this matter.

Sincerely,
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