

HB 2933
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Dear Representatives,

HB 2933 seems extremely vague and lacking in text. I have been unable to find a full version of this bill, if there even is one. As a result I have some questions regarding HR 2933.

- Who is responsible for this bill?
- Was the Oregon Medical Board involved in its inception, used for consultation or both?
- What's the reason for the sudden proposal of HB 2933?
- Has there been a problem with individuals practicing medicine without a license? If so how significant of a problem is it?
- Who can this bill target?
- Does the OMB receive the money generated by these fines? If not who does?

It is interesting that HB 2933, a revenue generating bill, is being introduced at the same time the OMB is vying to become autonomous from the legislative budget process. Can anyone else see the conflict of interest associated with this? This same conflict already exists regarding fines levied against physicians and other healthcare providers by the OMB.

We have a State Board that is not just dependent on licensing fees to supposedly survive, but also fines. Here's a scenario. The OMB needs some funds so they go out and fine an individual or an entity. Not a problem for them because they already have had lots of practice with physicians. The OMB is given immunity for any mistakes, poor performance or even malicious behavior directed towards physicians and other healthcare providers. Therefore, they can fine with impunity. They never have to worry about oversight. They are never held to a standard anywhere near what physicians are held to.

Sincerely,

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