

The authority of the Senate and house to create specific medical policy has already been established in the state of Oregon, therefore the comment given by the OHB that this is "highly" unusual is not accurate.

In fact recently a vaccine bill was not only introduced by a member of your committee, but was fully endorsed by the Oregon Health Authority, OHSU, and the Oregon Medical Association. Several years ago a medical marijuana law allowed physicians to prescribe for chronic pain, nausea and neurological effects of MS, it did not require doctors prescribe but allowed freedom for it.

Please note that these bills are ENDORSED and received backing and testimony from these organizations who have said it's unusual for legislature to make bills on medical policy as regards this Lyme disease bill.

Additionally, ORS 676 has several directives for POLICY on procedures.

Bill Number Status Title: SB1507 PASSED 3-13-2012-Relating to HIV testing; and declaring an emergency.

Bill Number Status Title: SB395 PASSED 8-143-2014-Relating to Autism "Sen. Alan Bates should now become law, setting up a new board to license applied behavioral analysts and taking steps to phase in a critical autism treatment

Bill Number Status Title: : SB442 withdrawn 78th legislative session -Relating to mandatory vaccine [Steiner's assistant quote "She is disappointed that the conversations have largely revolved around who is right or wrong about science and the benefits vs. risk of vaccines, rather than about the health and well-being of Oregon's children."] OREGON MEDICAL BOARD WEIGHED IN FAVOR OF SB442

Bill Number Status Title: HB3650 PASSED June 13, 2011 Health Care Transformation act 2011 changing policy of how health care is delivered to reach the Triple Aim goal.

Bill Number Status Title: SB722a PASSED 8-1-2014-Require Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Related Cancers: Assessment of prevention programs, policies and measure. Recommendations for HPV prevention and cancer control

Bill Number Status Title: SB105 PASSED Oregon Medical Marijuana act- allows medical marijuana in chronic illness.

Bill Title: SB1507 PASSED 3-13-2012-Relating to HIV testing; and declaring an emergency

ORS 676.360 Pelvic examinations. (1) A person may not knowingly perform a pelvic examination on a woman who is anesthetized or unconscious in a hospital or medical clinic unless:

(a) The woman or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the woman has given specific informed consent to the examination;

(b) The examination is necessary for diagnostic or treatment purposes; or

(c) A court orders the performance of the examination for the collection of evidence.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section is subject to discipline by any licensing board that licenses the person.

676.350 Authority of health professional regulatory boards to adopt rules permitting expedited partner therapy. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Expedited partner therapy” means the practice of prescribing or dispensing antibiotic drugs for the treatment of a sexually transmitted disease to the partner of a patient without first examining the partner of the patient.

(b) “Partner of a patient” means a person whom a patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease identifies as a sexual partner of the patient.

(c) “Practitioner” has the meaning given that term in ORS 475.005.

(2) A health professional regulatory board, as defined in ORS 676.160, may adopt rules permitting practitioners to practice expedited partner therapy. If a board adopts rules permitting practitioners to practice expedited partner therapy, the board shall consult with the Oregon Health Authority to determine which sexually transmitted diseases are appropriately addressed with expedited partner therapy.

(3) A prescription issued in the practice of expedited partner therapy authorized by the rules of a board is valid even if the name of the patient for whom the prescription is intended is not on the prescription.

(4) The authority shall make available informational material about expedited partner therapy that a practitioner may distribute to patients.

The list is extensive, but I think I have shown the statement made by the gentleman representing the Oregon Health board are patently untrue.

Sincerely

Theresa Denham, president & Patient Advocate
Oregon Lyme Disease Network

And

Dr. Steven Heppe, Katie McLaughlin, MSPT , Theresa Denham
Patient Advocates-Oregon Lyme Disease Task Force
541-410-2585