

Testimony in Opposition to HB 3087

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Good afternoon members of the House Health Care Committee. For the record my name is Darcy Orin and I am the CEO of Clearview MRI. We operate four facilities in (Gresham, Beaverton, Happy Valley and Tigard) and employ 28 employees. Our company has been in business since 2003. Clearview MRI has a dedicated staff with over 25 years of experience in medical imaging. Clearview provides:

- A cost effective alternative to higher priced hospital imaging departments
- Fast and easy scheduling
- 4 Convenient locations
- A Kind and knowledgeable clinical staff
- State of the Art Imaging Equipment
- Administrative staff to help navigate the financial aspects of advanced medical imaging
- Board Certified Radiologists for accurate diagnostic reporting

BACKGROUND

During the 2013 legislative session Senate Bill 683 was passed and signed by the Governor. The bill required independent (non-hospital employed) physicians to disclose whether or not they have a financial relationship with facilities to which they refer their patients. The bill did not require hospital-employed physicians who refer their patients to hospital-owned facilities to comply with similar types of disclosure provisions that SB 683 were mandated on independent practice physicians.

Clearview MRI did not support SB 683 (2013) because we believed it unfairly burdened independent physicians by requiring disclosure for one category of physicians while hospital corporations were excluded. Clearview MRI would be more comfortable with written disclosure requirements if these requirements were more evenly applied to all practitioners. SB 683 required notification of equity ownership but did not address the potential that exists for other types of financial relationships that exist in medicine including the financial relationship that exists between the employer/employee. Finally, the bill required that patients have a choice in where they can receive services.

HB 3087

HB 3087 adds to the provisions that were passed in SB 683 (2013) and imposes civil penalties on both the physician and the facility for failure to comply with the notification of financial interest provisions statute. The bill does not apply civil penalties for failure to notify a patient they have a choice in where they can receive services; the civil penalties only apply to the financial interest notifications which are only applicable to independent physicians.

We are unaware of any complaints regarding the notification of financial interest provisions that were enacted via passage of SB 683 (2013). In fact, we believe this is a non-issue for patients who have trust in their chosen physicians and therefore subsequently trust that a facility that their physician owns would be the best choice for their imaging needs.

We believe the bill is unnecessary and we urge the committee to reject passage of HB 3087. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.