

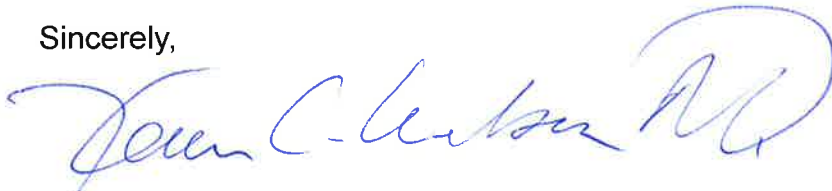
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RE: SB 50

The OPMC is charged with improving the understanding of chronic pain and all of its various manifestations and contingencies. Oregon is in a unique position, having a State validated multidisciplinary Pain Commission and a terrible opiate prescription/use/abuse record. This inherent responsibility is also a great opportunity to improve the management of pain and the excessive reliance on opiate medications for the treatment of chronic pain. To that ultimate goal, the Oregon Pain Management Commission has submitted legislative concepts to keep pain treatment and management education relevant, current and accessible to all. These legislative concepts improve the OPMC's website, it's accessibility to the professions and the public. Additionally, there is the request that the one time, one hour educational requirement for nearly all licensed professionals be enhanced and more universally applied. Suggested is a more than a one-time documentation of viewing the educational module. It has been submitted that an expanded 3-4 year recurrent attendance or viewing of the pain management module be required of all licensed professionals in Oregon. Continuing education requirements only serve to improve the performance of medical professionals and their care of Oregon's citizenry. Time spent studying and contemplating better care creates better care.

Sincerely,



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