

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 61 Senate Committee on Health Care Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair

On behalf of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon and the over 1,500 osteopathic physicians and medical students we represent, I am writing to express our support for passage of SB 61.

Senate Bill 61 increases the number of public members on the Oregon Medical Board from two to three and consolidates the qualifications for public membership into one provision of statute. Public members serve the important role of public representation on the Oregon Medical Board. With the current board composition, public members make up 15% of the board membership. SB 61 increases the number of public members on the Oregon Medical Board to three, bringing the percentage to 21% public members and aligning the Oregon Medical Board with the other health professional licensing boards.

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon supports SB 61.

Sincerely,

**David Walls** 

**Executive Director**