

READY.....FIRE.....AIM!

From the testimony that has been posted as of 3:00 pm Friday, January 25, 2019, it is apparent that some people were given advance notice of the intent to amend SB 526 from merely proposing a study about establishing a home visitation program to be concluded prior to the end of 2019, to actually proposing the implementation of a state wide home visitation program.

However, those of us not in the loop, so to speak, still have no clue as to the full nature of such a program, whether it will be voluntary or mandatory? Whether PCPs and/or midwives will be able to perform the visitations in addition to or in place of public health nurses? How the program will be funded? What the projected cost to the state of such a program is going to be?

Why draft a bill that only proposes a study when it appears the real intent is to actually propose the program? As one person who submitted testimony states, doing the study is a logical FIRST STEP in determining whether such a program is feasible, whether it is necessary, and whether it can be done without being an unwarranted imposition on the rights of all Oregonians to be free from unwarranted searches and seizures of their persons and homes. Why weren't all Oregonians informed that the intent was to skip the study, do not pass go, and go directly to jail?

Why are we skipping the logical first step? The usual process that people expect is Ready...Aim...Fire. As Oregonians, we deserve better than Ready...Fire...Aim

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