

Dear Senate Healthcare Committee Chair and Members,

I am writing with concerns and in opposition of SB 770!

Healthcare in Oregon and the United States in general is concerning; however I do not think this is a safe or effective approach to fixing that. By having yet another bill going thru as an emergency it reduces the chance for the people to vote and our concerns to be validated. It feel like everything this session has been this way, and it is becoming increasingly concerning that we the constituents matter anymore or is there a bigger motive driving this?

Other countries do this, however a state by state ran insurance does not sound plausible. My mom travels to Mexico regularly she is worried about this as her current insurance being a government employee covers her. If this passes and that goes away what would happen if she was to fall ill in her travels to other states and countries? Would this be out of pocket to her; where she is currently covered?

I have friends in Canada and have heard of many people who are not provided great care because it will cost so much more to pay for their chemo,ect. then to just provide them with end of life care. This is not what we need in Oregon!

Having Oregon Health Authority in charge of our health care not giving the people any chance of opting out or getting second opinions feels like another way of loosing control. We have implemented many insurance programs in Oregon, including CHIP and OHP. They have cost us thousands so why not fix those, spending thousands more to start yet other insurance plan that hasn't been fully thought out and all concerns heard and voted on by the people sets us up yet again to fail and send our state further into debt, raising our taxes yet more! If our taxes will be effected and our private insurance taken away please put this up to vote! Anything effecting us this much and our opinions being stripped from us makes it very hard to trust that this is in our best interest.

Thank you

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