

To: Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care
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Corrected Testimony
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Dear JTFUHC Members:

We want to again commend you for the dedication to this critical work. At this time, it is essential to stay focused on the directive of the SB 770 legislation as you wrap up your work.

During the last JTFUHC meeting, the concept of a "Transition Commission" was introduced and per our understanding to the surprise of the JTFUHC members. There is no place in the enrolled bill that calls for the next step to be a "Transition Commission". Having been there along with legislators with each reiteration during the bill drafting, there was **never** any intent to create such a proposal for JTFUHC consideration.

SB 770 clearly states that a governing board is the next step.

"The report must include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The governance and leadership of the board, specifically:

(A) The composition and representation of the membership of the board, appointed or otherwise selected using an open and equitable selection process;

(B) The statutory authority the board must have to establish policies, guidelines, mandates, incentives and enforcement needed to develop a highly effective and responsive single payer health care financing system;

(C) The ethical standards and the enforcement of the ethical standards for members of the board such that there are the most rigorous protections and prohibitions from actual or perceived economic conflicts of interest; and

(D) The steps for ensuring that there is no disproportionate influence by any individual, organization, government, industry, business or profession in any decision-making by the board;"

Now for some serious levity. Here are a few (very short) selections to comedic hard truths about the failures of the current system as to the importance of this work. These come from an Oregon ophthalmologist, Will Flannery, under the name Dr. Glaucomflecken. There are millions of people paying careful attention to cancer and heart attack survivor Dr. Will Flannery. Dr. Flannery is still in his 30's. Enjoy.

Prior authorizations and impact on health: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/FVAFfd3oCgA>

The life of a family physician and stress:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dr.+glaucomflecken+family+medicine+goes+to+therapy

Charting and the profit motive: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGg2_Yt5_LI

There are many more easily found these come from. Most all in combination cover the important truths that point to flaws and tragedies of the current system and the need for healthcare transformation in line with SB 770.

Thanks for your work.