

I OPPOSE [SB 191] AS WRITTEN.

The Text of [SB 191] is below:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB191/Introduced>

Relevant Oregon Revised Statute is below:

https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_192.245

One would think, even if the person was in a falling-down -drunken stupor, a "study" to address, "**...fee-for-service medical assistance recipients' access to health care providers in rural areas of this state...**" would already have been done. years ago. But, "No," the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) doesn't work this way.

As usual with the OHA Legislation, in this case with [SB 191], this cry for direction of action; is devoid of any details as to funding source(s), the amount to be allocated and the persons designated to carry out the study.

Rural Hospitals are under enormous fiscal stressors to provide care for indigent populations and for patients requiring specialized and or long-term care. Too me, such problems are foreseeable. Action plans with funding should already be in place. But, I digress, we are dealing with the OHA-an organization where brain-dead administrators appear to flourish in vast numbers.

The study proposed by [SB 191] is sorely needed. Absent my aforementioned concerns, I cannot support the unfortunately, usual practice of , blindly throwing an unknown amount of money at OHA to fund a "study" which should already be completed (years ago).

Rewrite and resubmit [SB 191] with a focus on a detailed plan to conduct a study to relieve stressors faced daily by Oregon's rural Hospitals.

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