

Submitter: Lynne Matejcek
On Behalf Of: vote NO on SB 408
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB408

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, Members of the Committee:

Re: Oppose SB 408

I am writing to urge you to oppose the passage of Senate Bill SB 408 which amounts to ceding legislative authority to an un-appointed, un-elected task force. Senate Bill 408 directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a process to receive and review health care profession scope of practice requests and impact statements. SB 408 creates an additional, costly process within an already lumbering agency that is likely beholden to their professional organization's policy objectives, not the health and welfare of doctors and patients.

SB 408 allows for multiple organizations' providers who claim impact to their professions to participate. This dilutes the impact of the professional group that is seeking a change to its scope. I am concerned that this bill allows for the "establishment or revision of scope-of-practice requests" creating an environment where a provider group can request a reduction in a profession's scope of practice and, if successful, would directly and negatively impact patient care and access to care across the state of Oregon.

?The excessive use of taxpayer dollars needed for Oregon Health Authority staff to complete the process outlined in SB408 will bankrupt our state. I urge your focus to continue to fulfill rural provider incentive programs and increasing Medicaid services.

Please vote NO on SB 408 and keep eyes on the future by providing quality health care to all Oregonians and encouraging high quality providers to practice in Oregon. With the majority of our states population being of retirement age it is imperative going into the years ahead that our families and and Boomers have golden years ahead.

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Sincerely,

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