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SB 229 seems like reinventing the wheel to me. I don't understand why we would take out certain sections of the bill as it already stands; specifically Section 4 [(A) Assess completeness of reports from participants;] [(B) Assess credibility and thoroughness of root cause analyses submitted to the program;] [(C) Assess the acceptability of action plans and participant follow-up on the action plan; and] [(f) Establishing criteria for terminating a participant from the program. Incomplete reporting, failure to comply with ORS 442.837 (4) or failure to adequately implement an action plan are grounds for termination from the program.]

Section 5 [(C) Clusters of serious adverse events;]. That seems like an important factor.

I saw some talk of equity in there, why don't we just render medical aid to everyone equally - that's a wild idea. Another thing I noticed was a lot of talk about the patient's safety; isn't this about the health of a patient?

Final thing; the success or failure of this Oregon Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors rests heavily on the Governor, as the Governor appoints members, successors, and can terminate members "at their pleasure." I understand the Senate confirms members, but it seems to me the quality, motivations, and biases of the members are may be compromised depending on which political party is in the Governor's seat at the time.