



Association for Independent Medicine

**To: Oregon State Legislature**  
**From: Association for Independent Medicine**  
**Re: Statement Supporting HB 4130**

The Association for Independent Medicine is comprised of over 400 physicians from groups in five states – Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Oregon, and Texas. Founded on the principle that maintaining physician control of healthcare decision-making results in the highest quality of care for patients and most efficient use of healthcare resources, the association supports independent physicians and groups who want to remain as such in the face of increasing private equity involvement and takeovers. Allowing physicians to have the freedom to choose their location and form of employment that best aligns with their values and professional goals is paramount to keeping physicians independent, involved, and excited about practicing medicine. That’s why the Association for Independent Medicine supports the Oregon House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care and Representative Bowman’s House Bill 4130 to limit the ability for non-physician owners to manage physician groups and remove leadership without a majority physician vote.

Independent physicians should be just that – independent – and not bound by terms set by hospital employers or corporate group owners that set dangerous and unreachable metrics for physicians to achieve, and should have the freedom to change positions should their current group succumb to private equity ownership. Allowing corporate entities to have a decision-making role in physician group management, policies and employment only harms the physicians and the patients they care for.

**The Association for Independent Medicine supports Oregon House Bill 4130 and encourages the Oregon State Legislature to advance this bill for further approval and eventual incorporation into state law.**

Sincerely,  
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