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Although this is a good bill, the legislature should step back and ask: what is wrong at the Oregon Health Authority requiring this bill and why is the OHA in the business of granting or withholding certificates of need in the first place?

When it comes to opening up healthcare businesses: let the market decide. Oregon's quasi-communist management of healthcare facilities creates artificial scarcity in the state, pushing up healthcare costs and deterring investment. We saw this with 'covid,' where a limited supply of intensive care beds caused by the OHA's stingy issuance of certificates of need was used to justify and prolong oppressive "public health" measures, that in hindsight caused more harm than good.

Oregon legislators should just take back authority from the Oregon Health Authority - a bloated, wasteful, unmanageable, and oppressive entity that injures the health of Oregonians.