



OREGON ACADEMY OF
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MAKING HEALTH PRIMARY

House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
March 26, 2025
RE: HB 3225 on the Corporate Practice of Medicine

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in strong support of HB 3225 on behalf of the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians. We believe that this legislation is essential to ensure clinician independence and excellent care for patients.

As an organization representing more than 1800 physicians and medical students, the OAFP's mission is to support our members in the pursuit of optimal health for the people of Oregon. Family physicians care for Oregonians across the entire lifespan, in settings ranging from community clinics to urgent care to multi-specialty groups to nursing homes. They are trained to make decisions in the best interest of patients and their communities. The increasing influence of corporate ownership in health care has put that expertise at risk.

HB 3225 helps to ensure that individuals making medical decisions that affect Oregonians will be physicians who are part of the Oregon community. It ensures that, beyond current legal requirements that physicians hold a majority of seats in a professional corporation organized to practice medicine in Oregon, those physicians practice and maintain a domicile in Oregon, and reside at least 75% of the time here.

That stake in the community is incredibly important, because it carries with it the expectation that the facility will function as a community asset accountable for excellent care, rather than as an asset of the corporation accountable primarily for financial performance.

Oregon has already seen examples of communities incurring long-term damage to access after corporate acquisitions of health care facilities. Profit-driven decisions, like those to close clinics in Corvallis in the wake of the purchase of the Oregon Medical Group by Optum can have a devastating impact on communities and their access to essential care. House Bill 3225 and its companion bills including 3227 are necessary to prevent further disruptions.

Healthcare is beset by challenges on all sides. Aside from the drive to profit, clinicians contend with workforce changes, overly complex administrative requirements and complex patient care needs are still challenges for Oregon's healthcare professionals. We offer our assistance in ensuring that HB 3225 will positively address at least one of these problems, and we urge your support for this legislation.

Thank you,

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