



MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Rob Nosse, Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Rep. Travis Nelson, Vice-Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Rep. Cyrus Javadi, Vice-Chair, House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee
Members of the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee

From: Mark Bonanno, General Counsel and Vice President of Health Policy

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Re: OMA Comments in Support of HB 3225

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) represents and advocates for more than 7,000 physicians, physician associates, medical and PA students across Oregon. Our mission is to support our members in their efforts to practice medicine effectively, improve the health of Oregonians, and provide the highest quality patient care.

OMA supports the concept brought forward in House Bill 3225 about the control of a professional corporation organized to practice medicine in Oregon and would support an amendment that focuses the bill on improper interference with professional medical judgment. We also recognize the detailed work of Rep. Bowman this session on Senate Bill 951 that seeks to address issues of control of medical practices.

In short, medical decisions should be made by licensed Oregon physicians and physician associates. More importantly, policies and procedures that nonclinical managers seek to impose should not interfere with quality medical care nor the recognized standards of ethics for our health care professionals.

Last year, the OMA updated association policy about the corporate practice of medicine. When business interests seek to manage or partially own a medical practice, the business should demonstrate that its management or ownership will: protect the patient-clinician relationship, preserve independent medical decision-making, preserve patient access to care, and elevate good patient care over profit motives.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this important issue.

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) is the state's largest professional organization engaging in advocacy, policy, and community-building for Oregon's physicians, physician associates, medical students, and physician associate students. The OMA's members speak with one voice as they advocate for policies that improve access to quality patient care, reduce administrative burdens on medical professionals, and improve the health of all Oregonians. Additional information can be found at www.theOMA.org.