

Submitter: David Wall
On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 4179
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4179
I OPPOSE [HB 4179].

From the TEXT of the Summary of [HB 4179],

"Digest: The Act says that OHSU must be a member of a nonprofit entity it creates...

...Permits the Oregon Health and Science University to create and maintain a nonprofit corporation under the laws of this state so long as the university is a corporate member of the corporation.

...Provides that certain individuals who provide patient care for the nonprofit corporation are acting within the scope of their state employment or duties and that certain prohibitions regarding the practice of medicine do not apply to the nonprofit corporation."

From the TEXT of [HB 4179],

"... (3) For any entity created and maintained under subsection (1) of this section to provide patient care:

(a) Any physician, naturopathic physician or dentist who provides patient care is deemed to be acting within the scope of that individual's state employment or duties for purposes of ORS 30.267; and

(b) The provisions of ORS 677.080 do not apply...."

ORS 30.267

Liability for certain medical treatment at Oregon Health and Science University facilities

[https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_30.267]

ORS 677.080

Prohibited acts

[https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_677.080]

***[HB 4179] passes off patient care to a third part Nonprofit Corporation. Who has the liability concerning issues of malpractice?

***One must read both [ORS 30.267] and [ORS 677.080] to appreciate the

shenanigans of deceptive provisions of patient care, the reduction (if not elimination of government oversight).

***[HB 4179] also provides a platform for probable corrupt activities attributed to independence from government oversight to permit outside corporations monetary donations to influence and or direct research leading to corporate enrichment.

***[HB 4179] is similar to the "Ocean Trust" referenced and incorporated into [HB 4097 (2026)]-which I also OPPOSE.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "It is foreseeable if [HB 4179] is ENROLLED, OHSU could form any number of nonprofit corporations without the burden of government oversight where patients could be treated as experimental Guinea pigs. In addition, the nonprofit corporation's management costs will become burdensome and oppressive consuming more tax dollars eating away at patient care."