



MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Prozanski, Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Sen. Thatcher, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

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Re: OMA Comments on HB 4088 A

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) engages in advocacy, policy, and community for over 7,000 physicians, physician associates, and medical and PA students in Oregon so they can remain focused on patient care. OMA supports House Bill 4088 A.

Notably, OMA members bring diverse perspectives to health care policy in Oregon; and regardless of political interests, they strongly oppose attempts by government agencies that seek to criminalize and interfere with the delivery of evidence-based medical care to patients.

We have seen unprecedented attempts by our own federal government to instill fear in the health care community and intimidate clinicians and their patients from seeking care that is medically needed and legally protected. When our members and all medical professionals care for patients here in this state, they should be able to focus 100% of their attention on delivering care knowing that Oregon supports them.

HB 4088 A strengthens Oregon’s promise to the health care community and adds some procedural protections that other states have moved ahead with to ensure that medical care remains accessible in this state.

Our clinicians need reassurance that, when they provide legally protected care: state agencies will not cooperate with hostile or overreaching out-of-state investigations; that they will not be subject to removal from Oregon for prosecution related to lawful care provided here in Oregon;

that private health care data submitted to the Oregon Health Authority will not be used by the federal government to identify individuals for punitive or targeted investigations; and that their identities, including images and home phone numbers, to the extent allowed under public records law, will remain protected from bad-faith actors who may seek to intimidate, threaten, or cause harm.

OMA believes this bill is necessary to put in place now to help stand up a process to protect our clinicians and patients from external interests that seek to interfere with the rights of anyone delivering or receiving care in this state. At its core, HB 4088 A essentially is a state's rights bill about the regulation of medical care within the state, a federal constitutional issue left up to the states.

We believe that our members practice safely, ethically, and in support of human dignity. They provide needed care that people need access to without fear.

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) is the state's largest professional organization engaging in advocacy, policy, community-building, and networking opportunities 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.