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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 18, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 3045

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted against House Bill 3045 because it imposes financial and professional risks on pharmacists without providing necessary protections.

This bill grants the State Board of Pharmacy broad authority to mandate mental, physical, chemical dependency, or competency evaluations for individuals under investigation. However, it does not include safeguards to protect those professionals from financial hardship or job loss while undergoing the process.

If a pharmacist is removed from duty pending evaluation, there is no guarantee of wage protection or job security, leaving them vulnerable to unpaid leave, lost income, or even termination before any findings are determined. While accountability in healthcare is important, this bill lacks fair protections for those subjected to the process, making it an unjust approach to oversight.

That is why I voted no on HB 3045.

Sincerely,

State Representative Travis Nelson
House District 44, North/NE Portland

