

Vote Explanation on HB 5021

I voted against the budget for the Oregon Medical Board, not because I do not support the goal and mission of the Board, but because I do not support the execution of the policies it has implemented.

To reduce the cost of medical care, we must first know the cost of medical care. The Oregon Medical Board and other organizations have rubber stamped partisan policies that often do nothing to improve the cost of care. These boards should be asking hard questions and using their authority to define the cost of care and what are the drivers of these costs.

Only once we have accountability for the cost of care can we work to reduce the cost of care. This is the only way to provide inexpensive, high quality medical care for all Oregonians.

Until this goal is executed, I cannot support this budget bill.