

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist

SB 253A further transfers more responsibility and power to the Oregon Health Authority which since creation has been a dismal failure in containing costs, expanding basic health care including mental health, and holding profiteering medical providers accountable. OHA is now part of the problem not the solution. This Senator supports a return to local basic health services being provided at county level via county doctors, nurses, and public service providers to low income and needy citizens. This would be the most cost-effective means of delivering preventive and basic health care.