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To: House Committee on Education; **Senators:** Thatcher; **Representatives:** Post; Noble; [and many others]

Re: I DO NOT SUPPORT: [SB 16]: Hire "out-of-state" quacks for "Duck-country?"

[SB 16]: "BACKGROUND: In the 2017-2018 school year, Oregon school districts provided 78,867 students with special education services, representing 13.6 percent of the total student population.

To receive special education services, a student must undergo an evaluation, which may include health examinations. Current law permits licensed physicians to perform medical exams and licensed nurses to perform health assessments for special education evaluations.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) reports that, in practice, medical exams and health assessments are the same type of exam.

Senate Bill 16 removes health assessments from statute and permits nurses and physician assistants to conduct medical exams.

The bill permits naturopathic physicians who are appropriately licensed in another state to conduct exams.

The bill also adds audiology exams to the statute to allow reporting of exam results and clarifies that all health practitioners must report exam results to school districts."

I've heard tell, that an old man, who lived in rural Louisiana some years ago, had a bad case of warts. He had so many warts all over his body and could not get any "love" from any women. The women feared the old man's warts were "catchy." He went from one Cajun Medicine man to another to cure his condition. Their potions and incantations did not produce any relief for the poor old-warted man.

At some point in time, the old-warted man heard that only a "naturopathic physician" could cure his condition. The old-warted man searched and searched the rural Bayou swamps and backwoods and finally came upon the only naturopathic physician left in Louisiana- because the rest of the naturopathic physicians, had previously skedaddled to Oregon; to get rich quick by snappin' up easy-to-get, lucrative contracts to make sick children well.

In the aforementioned case, the naturopathic physician told the old-warted man to find himself a "singin' bullfrog" and rub that frog gently over all the warts on his body without hurting the " singin' bullfrog" and he would be cured.

The naturopathic physician then hurriedly charged the old-warted man a hundred bucks, closed up his shop and also skedaddled to Oregon to get rich along with his friends. Upon hearing about **[SB 16]** and all the naturopathic physicians moving into Oregon and getting paid big bucks, several Oregon taxpayers said, "Hey, wait one gul-durn minute. You can't get rid of warts by gently rubbing them with a singin' bullfrog and we ain't goin' to stand for and or pay for this here remedy. It's bad enough we have to pay for all those Spanish speakin' illegal folks."

I concur with the aforementioned sentiments. **VOTE "NO" ON [SB 16]!**

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall