

Ohio Orthotics and Prosthetics Association  
Regarding HB49 – Interested Party  
THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 7, 2017

Chairman Oelslager, Vice-Chair Manning, Ranking Member Skindell, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear this morning. I am here to make brief comments related to board consolidation action and the abolishment of the Ohio Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics. (O P & P)

By now you know that the last-minute House version of HB49 summarily abolished the Board without meaningful consideration or due process.

As you now deliberate and make important decisions in the coming days, I respectfully urge you to support restoration of the Ohio Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (OPP).

Please realize what elimination of O P & P licensure means in actual practice. This would open the door for anyone to represent themselves an orthotist, prosthetist or pedorthist, with no patient protection or recourse for patient complaint.

We don't know if the abolishment was an intentional policy decision but if so, I ask ... *why?*

Again, I respectfully urge you to restore language to assure basic standards for orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic care.

Respectfully,

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