

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 3003.

This bill would extend the sunset for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners until July 1, 2031. Though I support licensing and oversight of these practitioners, I have consistently opposed the rubber stamping of licensing boards through the sunset process. Sunset provisions are supposed to ensure that government doesn't grow by default. They are meant to prompt accountability, not automatic renewals. The Legislature has a responsibility to justify each reauthorization, not simply assume it.

Once again, I am calling on the Legislature to take sunset reviews seriously and restore real oversight. Government will always grow unless elected leaders step in to stop it.

Other states, like Utah, have consolidated the administration of licenses to a single state agency. A one-stop shop for license issuance and renewals. It's time to consolidate medical licensing boards under one entity. This would save Oklahomans tens of millions in administrative costs alone.

Oklahomans elected me with a prerogative to streamline and reduce the size of government. I urge the Legislature to consolidate these professional licensing boards into a single entity to reduce bureaucracy for both practitioners and constituents.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 3003.