

SB215, Statement From Dr Paul Thomas board certified Pediatrician to over 13,000 in the Portland Oregon area:

While written to sound like it will benefit those poor patients who have rare diseases by having standing orders that doctors and emergency workers, first responders and the like could use to administer pharmaceutical products and guide the care for these patients in reality this bill is nothing of the sort.

If I have a severe peanut allergy I wear an alert bracelet. If I have hemophilia that requires I get factor infusion before procedures I wear a bracelet. If there are special medical approaches needed for my rare condition I find ways to make that known in all situations. I would not want to rely on a passive orders from the Oregon Health Authority process.

As a physician, if I am caring for a patient with a rare disorder, I do my research. I seriously doubt this bill intends to replace the NIH, the CDC and all the societies for rare disorders and a thorough pub med search from whom I get my information as a physician. We would be creating an inferior resource, wasting tax payers money to do so and top it off:

The orders are secret, the entity cannot be subpoena and everyone involved is free from liability.

THIS BILL MUST BE STOPPED NOW

This clearly is a power grab by Pharma and I can see it ripe for misuse. Each year we hear the epidemic flu warnings and ads on TV to get your flu shot and public health officials urging everyone to get the flu shot while by CDC data we later learn that years flu shot was 20 or 40 % effective. This bill would be used to mandate / "order" flu shots. We all remember the measles "epidemic" in Disneyland in 2014. One man in his 40's returned from Disneyland to Oregon with the measles. You can be certain there would be "orders" that every Oregonian get an MMR. Do you recall how many other Oregonians got the measles from that man (from the Disneyland outbreak)? NONE

How many died in the US as a result of that Disneyland epidemic? NONE

How many died the past decade? NONE

How many who caught the measles actually had vaccine strain measles? unknown - it was either never reported or never tested.

We have a public health system that has become a marketing and distribution arm for Pharma. I was a life long democrat and proud of the tradition of looking out for the weak, the undeserved, the poor and those without a voice. Democrats seem to have sold out to Pharma. Some republicans too. The huge surprise of the National election had plenty to do with this very issue. This bill is a perfect example of Pharma funded power grabbing misuse of our government. I urge each and every one of you to stop this misguided bill right here and right now. Say no to Pharma driven bills that do nothing to protect us and only put us all in harms way.

Thank-you for your attention.

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