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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB1529

It is shameful and deeply alarming that the language of SB1529 went through drastic last-minute changes in the Senate Health Care Committee without public knowledge or transparency. The entire language of SB1529, as introduced, was eliminated and replaced with the "health care emergency" dash-two amendment language and is now called SB 1529 Engrossed. This bill now includes "or any other public health concern," as its definition, which could literally mean ANYTHING.

The Director could, in one fell swoop, determine that there exists a disease outbreak, epidemic or other condition of public health importance, statewide, or in a specified geographic area of Oregon. Nowhere is there accountability for the OHA Director, an unelected bureaucrat, and the ambiguous word "determination" included in the amendment is not defined, opening the door to abuses of power.

I beseech you to vote "NO" on the disastrous SB1529 Engrossed and protect the health and rights of the citizens of Oregon.