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Before you vote on SB 1529 A Engrossed, I would encourage you to consider the following. Over the last two years, OHA has imposed countless mandates on the Oregon population that have had far-reaching effects on our physical, emotional and mental health as well as our ability to earn a livelihood. Several studies now definitively show that lockdown measures (including masking) are not effective and create more harm than good. OHA's decisions have come with no real data to support them, a complete lack of transparency around the data, and often no metrics or guidance to say under what conditions the mandates will be rescinded. Recently, there was a large public outcry against making the mask mandate permanent. The public overwhelmingly rejected this idea and yet OHA decided to make the mandate permanent anyways. This is not democracy, this is dictatorship!

Now you are attempting to give the OHA more power. More power for unelected bureaucrats who apparently have no accountability when it comes to doing what the citizens of Oregon want. OHA's response to the pandemic has been a complete failure that has only increased people's fear while not protecting their health. If you vote for SB1529 A Engrossed you are not representing the will of the people but the financial interests of outside entities. Please act with integrity and actually represent us and the freedom we desire.

The people of Oregon deserve greater transparency, accountability and discretion from our elected officials and those who hold unelected positions in our state agencies.