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

Dear Oregon State Legislature,

I am providing a testimony opposing Senate bill 1529 A-Engrossed's Section 10 which provides the Public Health Director (an unelected role) vast and vague powers over our great state. My main concerns:

1. There are no parameters set for what a disease outbreak means or what condition would warrant a matter of "public health importance".
2. The bill also does not define what is considered a state of emergency, how long the emergency can last, or give anyone the ability to check the power of the OHA director.
3. There are no public vetting procedure for the the Public Health Director (this is an appointed role). This person may not be a health expert or have the appropriate credentials to determine what a state of emergency may be.
4. The summary of the bill is deceptive by claiming the bill is something it is not. The new summary does not include any text about granting additional power to the director of the OHA.

Thank you.