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On Behalf Of:  
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I am strongly opposed to this bill, and proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution.

We absolutely CANNOT give a public health authority such broad ability to tax Oregonians AND deliver medical dictates to the Oregon population (without regard to individual human rights and the sacred partnership between an individual and their own doctor).

We saw during COVID-19, that the OHA greatly exceeded their authority to force shutdowns of small businesses, and push medical mandates which sadly have now been proven to not only be ineffective, but actually damaging to our economy, the development of our children, and didn't stop the spread of the virus. For example, we heard recently directly from Fauci, that the social distancing measures were based on "just a feeling" and not any actual evidence of effectiveness.

Let's learn from our mistakes. Do not double down and repeat these same mistakes with greater enforcement ability and greater cost to Oregon taxpayers.

Vote NO on all aspects of this bill. I do not support an authoritarian public health authority in Oregon.

Thank you!