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As a parent of two boys in Oregon, I oppose SB 1598 due to many reasons. I believe every parent should be given informed consent for all medical products including vaccines by their doctor - stating the benefits and risks involved in taking a medical product. It is the parent's right to decide what is best for his or her child, not public health or the state. Everyone should have the right to choose what is put in his or her body. Immunizations can be recommended by the public health officer, but it should never be a forced mandate or requirement. There should always be a choice for the parents and for all people in the state of Oregon. If there is a medical product including a vaccine that someone does not feel comfortable taking, it is their right to refuse it and he or she should be granted a religious or philosophical exemption. The first amendment in the constitution protects are freedom of speech along with our religious freedoms as well.