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On Behalf Of: Children and Parents of Oregon
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Dear Senators,

As a long-time Democrat, Oregon resident, and mother, I strongly oppose SB1598.

I have had severe allergic reactions to 3 different injected medications – each time requiring hospital care. It is frightening to me, and my family, to have any kind “public authority” that can mandate any medical procedure or injection statewide without individual consent, and doctor input.

This bill is massive government overreach – and must be rejected.

Top reasons to reject SB1598:

1. SB1598 Gives unchecked authority to unelected public health officials to make decisions affecting all of us, without further legislation or public debate.
2. SB1598 Overrides doctors and removes ability of doctors to make decisions in the best interest of their patients – your constituents.
3. SB1598 Clears the way of automatic medical mandates which affects access to schools — without another legislative vote or public input.
4. SB1598 Creates forced state-wide compliance by invoking a one-size-fits-all medical orders without individual consent. This is authoritarian, not democratic.

This bill does not serve the best interests of Oregonians. Vote no.

Thank you.