

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1598

Statement of Opposition:

I am writing today to express my firm opposition to SB 1598. This legislation represents a concerning shift in governance that undermines fundamental individual rights and bypasses the democratic process.

Our Personal Journey for Medical Freedom

My family's commitment to bodily autonomy is not theoretical; we have already uprooted our lives to defend it. We left California during the pandemic—leaving behind our entire extended family—specifically to reside in a state that allows for personal and religious medical exemptions regarding school vaccinations. We moved here seeking a refuge for our civil and human rights. However, let me be clear: we would leave Oregon in a heartbeat to reside in a state where lawmakers truly understand and respect our fundamental rights and recognize the inherent dangers of coerced medical products and mandates.

Key Concerns

Violation of Bodily Autonomy:

Decisions regarding medical interventions are among the most personal choices a citizen can make. SB 1598 threatens the principle of informed consent by creating a framework where personal health choices are superseded by state requirements.

Transfer of Power to Unelected Boards:

This bill delegates significant authority to an unelected body. Granting such a board the power to implement mandates removes accountability. Policy decisions of this magnitude must remain with elected officials who are answerable to the people.

Shifting Federal Landscape:

It is critical to note that the regulatory environment is in flux. With ongoing federal investigations and a rigorous re-examination of previous public health claims—including those regarding the long-term safety and efficacy of certain medical products including vaccines—codifying these powers at the state level is premature and reckless.

Conclusion:

We must prioritize transparency and individual liberty over centralized, unaccountable mandates. SB 1598 fails to protect the citizens' right to self-determination and creates a dangerous precedent for government overreach. I urge this committee to respect the families who have moved here for freedom, rather than driving them

away.

I respectfully request that you vote NO on SB 1598.