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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

I stand in opposition to SB 1598 for the following reasons.

Unchecked Authority: Grants broad power to unelected public health officials to make decisions affecting all of us, without further legislation or public debate.

Automatic Mandates: Clears the way for vaccine requirements to affect access to schools — without another legislative vote.

Forced Compliance: Invokes statewide one-size-fits-all medical orders without individual consent.

Taxpayer-Funded Mandates: Compels insurance companies and taxpayer-supported public programs to pay in full for vaccines and health services.

Overrides Doctors: Removes ability of doctors to make decisions in the best interest of their patients.

The outcome of this bill matters because when power and decision-making is centralized and accountability is eliminated, parental choice, medical discretion, and informed choice are weakened. If the citizens of Oregon don't have autonomy over their own bodies to make their own medical decisions, we are no better than livestock. I implore you to not further erode and infringe upon the personal rights of Oregonians.