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On Behalf Of: Informed Consent- Health Autonomy
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Members of the Committee on Health Care:

Confidence in U.S. public health institutions has plummeted since the COVID event. Public health policies throughout that time showed us just how devastating government overreach could be to our health, economy and personal freedoms. SB 1598 illustrates the dangers of repeating those types of public policies- many of which have been shown to be politically partisan.

53% of consumers believe public health officials mislead them regarding the effectiveness of vaccines and masks and physicians were limited in their ability to make medical decisions based on individual patients' needs. SB 1598 would continue that limitation by overriding the ability of doctors to make decisions in the best interests of their patients.

This 'one-size-fits-all' medical model overrides informed, individual consent. Parental choice is further eroded here in Oregon, and unelected bureaucrats would be making decisions that impact all of us as we'd have no recourse.

Please respect the bodily autonomy and medical freedom of all Oregonians.

Please vote "NO" on SB 1598.

Respectfully,
Mary Starrett