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I am a licensed physician in Oregon and I oppose SB 1598 for multiple reasons: it allows the state to interfere with the doctor patient relationship, declares an emergency when none currently exists, does not define preventative health services (except for immunizations) and does not account for the complexity of people's health conditions. It is the duties of physicians, who know their patients medical history, to present risk:benefit ratios for any procedure (informed consent), and SB 1598 bypasses this integral medical decision making process. I believe that medical decision making should be made based upon individual patient needs. For example, many of my patients take multiple medications (poly-pharmacy), and we need to account for possible interactions when adding additional prescriptions.. Additionally, we now know that the SARS-COV-02 vaccine caused blood clotting in susceptible individuals, so in retrospect, with this information, physicians might now exempt patients with clotting disorders from receiving these shots. Additionally, patients receiving chemotherapy are often advised to avoid exposure to people who recently received a live vaccination. If SB 1598 passes, and a live vaccine is recommended to the general public, would patients with cancer be able to complete their chemotherapy? If SB 1598 passes how would any of these or other vulnerable populations be accounted for?

As aforementioned, I believe medical decision making is complex, and should remain in the hands of the physician and patient team.

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