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Attention Senate committee on Health Care. I have a problem with the way this Bill is written when describing the Public Health Officer. Not all Public Health Officers are equal in their capabilities in treating patients. Public Health officers are not necessarily doctors, but they can be. They focus on community health and disease prevention rather than individual patient care. While some public health officers hold medical degrees and are licensed physicians others may have backgrounds in public health, epidemiology, or related fields without being medical doctors. I would like to see the Public Health Officer follow the guidelines of the Health and Human Services Department. I think all Public Health Officers should have a certification, that let's the public know just what their qualifications are. The public needs to know just what type of Health Officer they are paying for!

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