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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

I strongly oppose SB 1598, which updates preventive health services coverage for health benefit plans and grants the Public Health Officer authority to mandate coverage for vaccines and issue standing orders for prescriptions? This bill represents government overreach into personal medical decisions.

Bodily autonomy is a fundamental right protected by the U.S. Constitution, including the 14th Amendment's due process and liberty clauses. The principle of "My body, my choice" must apply universally not just selectively. Medical interventions should never be mandated, as individuals differ: what helps one person can harm another. Health choices belong to the individual citizen, not unelected officials. Oregon's Constitution (Article I, Section 1) affirms that all power is inherent in the people, and government exists for the people that elected them benefit not to compel compliance. SB 1598 risks higher costs, reduced choices, and erosion of informed consent. I support true medical freedom in Oregon and the USA. reject this bill.
Thank you.