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I do not support SB1598. I oppose it because it gives the Oregon Health Authority too much power. These people are not elected by the public, they are just hired by who??? What are their credentials? Have they worked out in the field with people that are ill? What experience do they bring to the floor to make important decisions that affect the well being of the citizens that are paying taxes to keep them in their jobs. The fact that they cannot be held accountable for any injuries and failures in the treatments they propose. Why should we give them the authority to issue "standing orders"? What does that term even mean?

This is the most bothersome of the bill:

(6)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state, the Public Health Officer and the physician described in subsection (2) of this section are immune from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action related to the issuance of a standing order, except for acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
(b) A practitioner who prescribes, dispenses or administers drugs or devices in good faith under a standing order issued under this section is immune from civil or criminal liability.
(c) This section does not create a private cause of action.
(7) The authority may adopt rules necessary to carry out this section.

Below it says the standing order "may not" require a person to receive...May NOT is NOT enough! No one has the right to tell anyone what they have to receive or administer, or take!!

(8) A standing order issued under this section may not require a person to receive, use or administer a drug or device or withhold a drug or device from a person.

Please vote no on this bill!