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It is imperative that vaccines continue to be readily available and easy to access for Oregonians. Vaccines are still one of the most effective and safest medical interventions ever developed. Additional barriers to receiving vaccines, such as requiring prescriptions, adds undue hassle for patients and clinics, and ultimately makes it more difficult to access vaccines. It is also imperative that insurers continue to cover these costs. Additional barriers --prescriptions, threat of no coverage-- disproportionately affects our more vulnerable populations, including those with lower incomes, disabilities, etc. This is wrong and inequitable. I am in support of Measure SB 1598, which allows all Oregonians the necessary access to vaccines to remain healthy.