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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

I adamantly oppose SB 1598. We cannot have an unelected, unaccountable Public Health Officer making health and medical decisions for everyone in the state. We already lived through the draconian, authoritarian Covid experience in Oregon, and that can never be allowed to happen again. The Oregon Health Authority and our state leaders got nearly everything wrong during Covid. There has never even been a public acknowledgement of that fact, let alone apologies. Rational people in this state will not comply with future attempts at such measures. There is not a one-size-fits-all concept regarding vaccinations, or any other health related issue. This bill is an affront to medical freedoms in our state, and should not even be considered.