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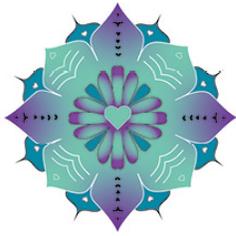
## **SB 1598 House 2/24/26**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this democratic process and voice my concerns about SB 1598. My name is Julie Glass and I have been a licensed naturopathic doctor in Oregon since 1999, and I currently practice in Salem, OR.

My main objection to SB 1598 is that it transfers medical decision making authority from the hands of highly trained physicians to a politically elected body. This is a set up that enables future health care decisions to be politically instead of scientifically based, and is dependent upon whatever party is in power. Consequently SB 1598 bypasses Informed Consent, a fundamental legal and ethical requirement and essential part of the doctor patient relationship.

Additionally, I see other potential problems with SB 1598:

- \* As it is written SB 1598 does not protect Oregonians who are allergic or sensitive to certain medications, or those who choose to support their health with natural medicine, from retaining their ability to maintain their livelihood, communities, attend school, church, temple, etc.
  - \* As it is written SB 1598 does not protect the immunocompromised from exposure to potential shedding from a recommended live vaccine. This could further harm their health and demonstrates the importance of keeping medical decision making in the hands of highly qualified and trained physicians.
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- \* As it is written SB 1598 does not ensure that all Oregonian children have access to non immunization preventative services such as well child checks. Many families who choose alternative vaccine schedules are currently turned away from pediatric care, and SB 1598 has the potential to exacerbate this problem.
- \* As it is written SB 1598 implies that immunization or medication is the only solution to disease, which is untrue. Additionally, SB 1598 does not grant those with natural immunity the ability to decline the recommended immunization or medication without ramifications.
- \* As it is written SB 1598 creates a liability shield for public health officers, doctors and pharmacists who administer proposed immunization or medication. But it does not provide financial compensation or medical resources for people injured from their recommendation.

These are only some of many complications and hardships that could arise if SB 1598 passes without revision. I believe the issues raised by SB 1598 are Humanitarian and not partisan - and thus bipartisan collaboration is very possible and it is needed. I suggest that Oregonians have the right to vote on SB 1598. In my perspective, it is a bill too big and important to be decided upon in the time allowed in short session. I respectfully ask that you bring SB 1598 to long session next year or consider a legislative referral to allow the people of Oregon to vote on it. It is our lives you represent and our lives that will be impacted by your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Dr. Julie Glass, ND

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