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I fully support this bill, to check the absolute abuse of the governor to declare emergencies without a more rigorous review of data and scientific points. Our state has seen so many economic, educational, and mental health setbacks from the mere discretion of a righteous-feeling governor. Had she relied on multiple sources of scientific study (and not just on the few Federal recommendations), there could have been less restrictions on our freedoms and better emphasis on pro-active solutions (such as early treatment, isolation for sensitive populations, and strong emphases on child and adult mental health, for which Oregon was once known as a champion). Please pass this SB to ensure a check and balance over governors in the future when times of trial return.