

To: The House Committee on Health Care  
RE: SB1529A - Engrossed. **OPPOSE**

SB1529A-Engrossed is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

This bill is nothing like its original intent (i.e. pharmacy ID requirements when purchasing Sudafed). The Senate Health Care Committee did a complete re-write of this bill: Through sneaky maneuvers the sponsors of this bill have managed to completely revise, that is to "gut 'n stuff" a legislative measure which would not have withstood public scrutiny had it initially been proposed and advertised as it currently stands. As a fairly new citizen I spend a lot of time teaching my children the intricacies of active citizenship. They watched me go through the naturalization process a few years ago. This "gut 'n stuff" business has provided a valuable lesson. Where is the transparency? Where is the adequate time and space for public input in this rushed short session? You have posted a hearing of a far-reaching public health bill on a national holiday, with only a weekend's notice. We have lived through two years of OHA overreaches as is. Do not grant the OHA and its health director further powers! The language of this engrossed bill leaves far too many gray areas to be determined by one UNELECTED official. The bill fails to spell out OHA's accountabilities; they would be beholden to no-one. This is a bill ripe with power abuse opportunities. Please register my strong opposition to SB1529A.