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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee, I urge you to support SB 293-1. I support this bill because I personally know several people with both chronic and (at the time) acute health conditions that have been impacted by poor prison healthcare and continue to experience the negative consequences. Everyone deserves up-to-date, evidence-based, compassionate healthcare. SB 293-1 is a necessary step to ensure that the Department of Corrections meets basic healthcare standards—treating pre-existing conditions, documenting treatment denials, ensuring care is not withheld based on release date, and maintaining an up-to-date formulary. These are fundamental expectations for any healthcare system, and DOC should be no different. I urge you to support SB 293-1 to improve continuity of care and protect the health and dignity of incarcerated individuals.