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I OPPOSE HB 2741

This bill is a foot-in-the-door for state custody of a child when the state's opinion for treatment is different than the parents. We've already witnessed one such case, and the state was wrong.

This bill allows for follow-up whether the parent asks for it or not. OHA can simply schedule a follow-up and if the parent refuses, they develop a case to remove the child. The program should be a choice of the parent and kept at a personal doctor level. The state's duty is to stay out of personal lives, a Democratic Republic is not a nanny state.

Parents of newborns are easily excitable and newborn testing is mostly a crystal-ball analysis. But a test can make a perfectly healthy baby a subject of unnecessary anxiety and be emotionally mistreated.