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On Behalf Of: All Oregonians  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1598

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care:

We need to preserve medical freedom in Oregon. We need to allow 'doctors to be doctors' and we must not ever implement a one-size-fits-all centralized model for health care.

The human body is a miraculously complex gift of God and nature. Unelected bureaucrats do not belong in medical decision-making here. It takes the knowledge and skill of licensed health care professionals to navigate novel viruses and diseases now and in the future. The disastrous policies of the COVID era clearly harmed our country; encompassing all age groups and of course was a disaster for the economy. As a retired, former intensive care RN; I will say that this should never happen again!

There should never be automatic medical mandates for vaccines or medical treatments as this clearly violates the ethics of informed consent. Each patient is a unique individual and doctors/nurses should be allowed to treat them as individuals. As I have learned after 34 years in health care; medicine is both an art and a science and providers must be allowed the freedom within their practices to provide the best quality of care. All adults of sound mind should be able to decide what goes into their bodies and together with their physicians be able to decide what is best. Also having the right to refuse is an element of informed consent. For children, parental choice is always paramount with exception of sudden life or death emergencies when parents or guardians are not immediately available.

So please I ask you to drop this SB 1598. We can do so much better!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan McDonough