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

I oppose SB 1598 and ask you to vote no. This bill gives too much authority to an unelected Health authority officer. We found out the hard way during the Covid mess how dangerous that can be. My main issue with this bill concerns section 2 where it gives them the power to mandate certain medical drugs, devices, vaccines etc. if they think it is necessary. Health decisions should remain with the individual, with guidance from their personal doctor.

The wording in line 32 of section 3 also needs to be changed to "shall not" instead of "may not" as that is actually restrictive instead of allowing room for permission. Legal words matter when writing legislation so this word needs to be changed in the bill.

Again, I oppose this bill and ask for a no vote.