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

I am writing to express my deep concern about SB 1598. Granting such significant authority to unelected Public Health officers over medical decisions—without public input—poses serious risks. While the bill may have been drafted with good intentions, it is likely to result in unintended consequences that could undermine the rights of Oregonians.

Our elected officials have a responsibility to ensure that constituents retain medical freedom and the ability to make choices about their own health. Allowing this bill to pass would set a dangerous precedent, eroding these fundamental freedoms.

Medical decisions should remain with the individual, their family, and their doctor—not with someone lacking knowledge of a person's medical history or condition.

I urge you to reconsider the implications of SB 1598 and protect the rights of Oregonians to make informed, personal medical decisions. Please vote NO.