

Senator Reynolds and members of the committee,

My name is Robert Dannenhoffer, MD. I am a pediatrician practicing in Roseburg and respectfully ask that you SUPPORT SB 1598.

SB1598 provides insurance coverage for evidence-based services recommended by the State Public Health Officer. It does not add any new vaccine requirements or vaccine mandates. In a time when the vaccine recommendations by the US Department of Health and Human Services are rapidly changing and not following the best scientific evidence, this bill is critical to maintain coverage for the vaccines that will best protect the health of Oregonians.

Those opposing this bill decry a loss of freedom, but this bill in no way makes new mandates or requirements, but simply provides insurance coverage for services desired by Oregonians. Without this bill, there is a chance that recommendations that follow the best medical evidence, are recommended by the State Public Health Officer and desired by Oregonians will not be covered by insurance and will require out of pocket payments.

While some of my patients and families choose to not vaccinate, the overwhelming majority do choose to get recommended vaccines for their children. This bill will ensure that these vaccines will be available, and the costs will be covered by their insurance.