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## **Making Health Care More Affordable, Bill Protecting No-Cost Vaccine Coverage Clears Legislature**

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, legislation designed to ensure Oregonians continue to have access to no-cost, scientifically recommended vaccines has passed both the Oregon Senate and the Oregon House of Representatives. [SB 1598](#) requires health insurance plans in Oregon to cover preventive health services including vaccines without charging patients out-of-pocket costs.

“As chair of the House Committee on Health Care, I have a front row seat to how federal changes are hurting Oregon,” said **Rep. Rob Nosse** (D - Inner SE & Inner NE Portland). “This bill ensures that Oregon vaccination standards can meet Oregon’s vaccination needs.”

The bill provides stability and certainty for families seeking protection from preventable diseases such as whooping cough, measles, polio, and hepatitis. By removing financial barriers, the legislation aims to keep cost from interfering with personal health decisions, while placing no mandates on individuals to receive specific care.

“Preventative care saves lives and reduces long-term health care costs,” said **Rep. Hai Pham** (D-South Hillsboro & West Beaverton). “This bill reaffirms our commitment to a health system that prioritizes prevention, ensuring every Oregonian has the opportunity to live a healthier life.”

SB 1598 is about being better prepared to address ongoing and rapid changes by the federal government that are not rooted in evidence-based decision making and that undermine the ability of providers to practice and patients to seek the care they’re entitled to.

“Oregonians should be able to get the preventive care they choose and that their clinicians recommend. Even when there is uncertainty or political debate at the federal level, we have a responsibility at the state level to protect access to evidence-based care,” said **Rep. Nathanson** (D - North Eugene).

The bill previously passed the Senate and was approved by the House this week. With final legislative approval secured, Senate Bill 1598 now moves to the governor's desk for signature.

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