

Support HB 1358

Healthcare providers and facilities have successfully and safely treated patients with infectious diseases for decades; effective protocols have been established to safely administer healthcare to all patients regardless of medical history. There is no societal benefit or public health justification for denial of care.

No patient should be denied access to medical care based on any aspect of their medical history which does not otherwise prohibit a course of treatment. There is no demonstrated benefit to individuals or society from denying patients access to care based on any aspect of their medical status.

Freely chosen healthcare providers or guardians should be the only persons that have access to records of a patient, not any outside government or private entities. Collecting and using this information in a broadly available system abolishes any medical privacy one could hope for. Having this information available in multiple systems not related to patient care risks exposing such sensitive information to unauthorized access and endangers patients, especially in the vulnerable populations, such as those with special needs.

Please support HB 1358. It will restore equal access to healthcare. It will also avoid unnecessary incentives or pressure over personal medical decisions.