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**HB 1481 - Tissue Banks and Hospitals - Autologous and Directed Blood Donations**

Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison and Esteemed Members of the Health Committee:

This bill allows for a collaborative process between the patient and physician when ordering autologous or direct blood donations (from self or known persons) when transfusions are needed for injury or illness. While prohibiting tissue banks and hospitals from denying that said physicians' order.

**Why HB 1481 is needed:**

This is a "patients' rights" bill and patients are facing a myriad of obstacles when they make these requests. HB 1481 will prevent non-medical administrative policies from overriding medical judgement. Physicians are legally and ethically responsible for transfusion decisions under long standing principles of medical licensure, informed consent, and standard of care.

This process is already legal and is approved by FDA as required by Federal Law but is not uniformly protected.

I respectfully request a FAVORABLE report from the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa E. Reilly".

