

I am writing in opposition of SB2274. While I believe that there are times when medical privacy is extremely important, I am nervous to make a blanket law or statement simply as a reaction to the events that occurred beginning in 2020 with the COVID pandemic. This bill is a complete reaction and not well thought out. It targets specific circumstances relating to COVID and does not take into effect any future health concerns of our state or nation. We don't know what the future may bring. COVID caused a lot of problems in our lives (medically, financially, and otherwise). I agree that things could have been handled differently and that there was a lot of confusion with how to move forward. Many different opinions made it difficult to find common ground. This bill, however, does not solve the BIG problem, which is what might happen in the future. We do not know what we don't know. Making a reactionary law, rather than creating procedures for the future doesn't help. We need to make sure we aren't limiting future healthcare workers because of a bad reaction. If there is a health crisis in which documentation is absolutely necessary, we need our medical professionals to be in charge of that. This bill is bringing in lawmakers to my healthcare, and I don't believe they belong there.

Sincerely,
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