Members of the Joint Technical Corrections Committee:

## Please support and pass HB 1514.

- Hospital patients should have the right to try off-label use drugs.
- There should be a hospital ban on discrimination based on vaccine status.
- Pharmacists need to stop coming between the patient and their doctor and simply fulfill offlabel medications if the doctor prescribes it.

Please also consider the following:

- A ban on any state medical or licensing board taking action against any physician for prescribing clinically indicated, medically necessary, appropriate off-label FDA-approved drugs, for offering their professional opinion on any aspect of the pandemic or its treatment, or for not wearing a mask.
- All medical licensing board officials should be subject to removal by the legislature. A
  requirement that all pharmacies fill any prescription of an FDA-approved drug used off label
  for the virus. Any pharmacist who denies a prescription of a medically necessary drug –
  unless he has a religious conscience objection would face a \$500,000 fine or a year in jail.
- Every insurance company must cover COVID-related prescriptions pursuant to the same rules they use for billing of other prescriptions, as well as for coverage of the vaccines and Remdesivir.
- Allow hospitalized patients to always have one surrogate present in the hospital, and allow them to access FDA-approved drugs prescribed off-label by a doctor at their own expense if they agree to assume liability, and the right to refuse any hospital-prescribed treatment.

Thank you for your leadership and service to our state.