

I am writing to oppose HB 3063.

At 18 months, my son had a near death hypoglycemic event where his blood sugar dropped to 32 overnight. He was nonresponsive and almost comatose. Doctors labeled it *idiopathic* indicating no idea why it happened. They dismissed my concerns he had just been vaccinated, and that every previous vaccination had resulted in ever-increasing reactions. They wouldn't allow me to ask that question. I have zero faith that retaining the medical exemption in Oregon would allow children who actually need the medical exemption to be able to use it.

Some children have an inappropriate immune response to vaccines.

Merck's MMR vaccine insert indicates under *Contraindications - Individuals with a family history of congenital or hereditary immunodeficiency, until the immune competence of the potential vaccine recipient is demonstrated.*

I have an autoimmune thyroid disease. I have never met a traditional pediatrician who has read these inserts or been aware of this contraindication. I have never met one that would give my son an exemption based on my medical history or on his unexplained near death medical experience.

I tried vaccinating my second son. He was so violently ill for 24 hours I had to repeatedly administer an infant Heimlich as he was choking on his own vomit.

There ARE side effects to vaccines, from small to major.

From the CDC.gov MMR information sheet -

Moderate events:

- Seizure (jerking or staring) often associated with fever
- Temporary pain and stiffness in the joints, mostly in teenage or adult women
- Temporary low platelet count, which can cause unusual bleeding or bruising
- Rash all over body

Severe events occur very rarely:

- Deafness
- Long-term seizures, coma, or lowered consciousness
- Brain damage

Are the omniscient writers of HB3063 certain the benefits of forcing every public school student to be vaccinated outweigh the above listed risks themselves?

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has, since 1988, determined 6,358 petitions claiming vaccine injury to be compensable, with approximately \$4.0 billion paid out. HB3063 suggests that this collateral damage is acceptable. Parents should be able to weigh and accept that risk, not the state.

Significant potential vaccine reactions are supposed to be reported to the CDC's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). My doctors never did this. I had to do it myself. How are we supposed to be allowed reasonable consideration for medical exemptions under HB3063 if doctors refuse to listen to our experiences?

I am not an anti-vaxxer. I have a brother with a heart transplant. I take my choice not to vaccinate seriously. But it should be my choice for my children. Coercion by threatening their civil right to public education seems un-American, certainly un-Oregonian. And until doctors take our vaccine-reaction experiences seriously this bill will greatly infringe on our rights to make the best health choices for our children.

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration of the impact this bill will have on all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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