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Testimony regarding HB 3063:

Whether or not a parent chooses to vaccinate their children is a personal choice and a basic civil right. Vaccines DO have risks (as does not vaccinating) but anytime something has a risk you should have a choice to do your own research and make an informed decision whether or not to take that risk.

My nephew has Autism, he is 14 and currently in a psychiatric hospital because he was trying to commit suicide (this is not the first time either). His parents have tried to help him in every way possible but with little success. His mother works in a school with kids on the spectrum and every parent she knows with an Autistic child says that vaccines either caused it or greatly contributed to it. When there is the potential of this serious of side effects we as parents should have the choice to choose if we want to take that risk.

I'm concerned that if this bill is passed and children are forced to be vaccinated to go to school that there will many kids whose parents feel like they have no option other than to home school (or unschool) thus taking away another basic right, the right to an education. An education that as tax payers we pay for our kids to have access to.

Also less kids enrolled means the schools will lose more funding (estimated at nearly \$413 million).

The true unvaccinated rate in Oregon is only 2.6% NOT 7.5%. There is no emergency of low vaccine uptake in Oregon.

Required school vaccines include Hepatitis B, a sexually transmitted disease/needle sharing disease that many parents opt out of if the mother is Hep B negative. Parents who choose to vaccinate for everything else, but opt out of Hep B, are captured in the 7.5% exemption rate that is used to cause a panic about declining vaccination rates in Oregon.

Oregon has cases of measles nearly every year. The only thing different this year is the hysteria caused by the media.

Once again this is not about whether or not to vaccinate, it's about having a choice. Please don't let anyone take that choice away from us. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kira