

Dear Health Committee members,

How much is enough? Do you have a personal limit? 200 vaccines required for school? 300? How many damaged children is too many? If you remove parental rights to decide what pharmaceuticals are injected or forced onto their children....for the greater good, is there no limit? There are close to 300 new vaccines in the approval process and new ones can be added to the mandatory list without parental input. OHA in fact knows that exemptions go up when new vaccines are added to the schedule as people are wary of new drugs and for good reason. My doctor tells me he would never touch a vaccine or drug until it has been on the market at least 5 years. HB 3063 would remove even that choice for new vaccines added to the mandatory schedule as well as vaccines they now consider unnecessary or dangerous for their child.

When the US government removed liability from manufacturers the schedule more than tripled. I wonder what will happen when parents lose the right to say no to even a single vaccine. I am sure that in the next session the flu and HPV vaccines will be mandated. The two vaccines with the most VAERS reports and vaccine court awards. Two vaccines to which parents say "no thanks".

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL SCHOOLS LOSE? Is Oregon prepared if 20 or 30,000 people pull their children out of public and private schools? How many millions of dollars will that be? And if they leave the state, I can assure you they are highly educated and professional people that will take their jobs, training, and companies with them. I would guess that no one has actually looked at the financial implications of this bill on our already struggling schools if not economy.

I would take my child and my business and move to another state.

DO DOCTORS KNOW THE RULES? One of my nieces went to their pediatrician to find out exactly what it would take to "catch up" her child if she had to do so for this law. She was told her child would have to get 5 DTaPs, 2 MMRs, and on and on and on. What? A doctor thinks they have to give a child in school every vaccine they would have received had they started at birth, not what the CDC says, that one MMR would bring them up to date as would one DTaP. I asked online about this and was told it is not the doctor but Oregon rules. A 12 year old child may only need one DTaP or one MMR according to the CDC, but according to Oregon law, they would have to get 5 DTaPs and 2 MMRs as well as any other missed vaccine in their lifetime in order to register for school in Oregon. My niece will not be vaccinating her child with such an outrageous policy, and this would stop any parent that might have considered caving in to this draconian law. If this happens, you are going to injure and kill a lot of children. As a state, we do not even follow the CDC catch up schedules and in doing so we risk the lives of children. Oregon is nowhere near ready to enact this outrageous bill. I would assume that if you asked 10 different doctors, you would get 10 different answers. And this unique Oregon system will ensure no parent decides to just "go along to get along." Why would you think a parent that is wary or fearful of ONE DTaP would allow 5 of them, 4 of them completely unnecessary according to science and medicine?

FOR THE GREATER GOOD! At one point in this country, we used to sterilize the "feeble minded" against their will....for the greater good. Would you support mandating anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, or neuroleptics to children if a doctor recommended it....for the greater good? This is the ultimate "slippery slope" that will lead to even more rights of parents being removed. It has already happened in other ways. I have a friend, an oncologist, whose own child developed cancer and relapsed 4 times,

each time going through chemo and radiation. Each time she came out in a far worse condition, losing her eyesite, her future fertility, brain damage, growth and developmental disorders, and upon the 4th relapse her father wanted to talk to the doctors about when to say “enough is enough”. His daughter was suffering and even the doctors were saying there was not much hope left, but they wanted to do even more chemo and radiation anyway. The parents wanted to stop the suffering, so the doctors got a court order, the child was removed from her parents and she died during treatment, alone, without family members by her side. The last thing she heard was not “I love you” as her parents were not even allowed to see her at all. Would anyone here say that was in the “best interests of the child”?

FALSE BELIEFFS! Did you know that until the 1990s, no vaccine in the US had a higher uptake than 60%? People seem to falsely believe that vaccination rates have always been high and now they are dropping. That is absolutely false. We now have the highest vaccination rates ever in history with more vaccines than ever in history. So where was the panic when I was a child in school and 40 to 50% of children were not vaccinated? And why, now that we have vaccine rates higher than ever in history, do we have the sickest children ever in history. 1 in 36 now have Autism, 1 in 28 boys. 1 in 5 has asthma, 1 in 10 have life-threatening food allergies, 1 in 120 have insulin dependent diabetes, 1 in 20 have seizures, the rates of all auto-immune illnesses are skyrocketing, including cancer. The US HHS says that 1 in 2 American children have a life-altering disease, a condition, or disability. 54% of our children. I would be extra cautious about what we are doing, extra careful about messing with our children’s immune systems, I certainly would not be doubling down by removing parental choice.

I would like to recommend a few amendments to your bill.....

AMENDMENT 1: Let’s call this amendment the Social Recognition Amendment. That we will recognize and maybe even give some type of medal to any family whose child is killed or seriously injured by vaccines. Perhaps like a purple heart, earned involuntarily, for their ultimate sacrifice to a grateful nation. Something has to be done as those who have made this sacrifice are treated so poorly it is a national shame. Even those who have won in vaccine court are called baby killers for sharing their story. Anyone expressing concerns about vaccines are equally vilified. The other day someone said, “keep your germ ridden crotch goblins away from my child.” Several legislators have been equally insulting in their language choices and in refusing to even hear the other side.

AMENDMENT 2: I call this the “Saving Private Ryan” amendment. We should add an amendment that no family be forced to give up every single child for the greater good. Like with Private Ryan, we should allow at least one child to go undamaged by vaccines in a family that obviously has an issue with vaccines in general. So if two children are injured, the 3rd child will be spared and given a non-medical exemption from vaccines and be allowed to go to school.

AMENDMENT 3: Titer testing. According to the CDC more children are non-reactors to vaccines than those that take exemptions. For any given vaccine they say 5% to 15% of recipients will not respond to the vaccine, hence will not develop titers and this varies based on the vaccine and the individual. Since more children are non-responders than are non-vaccinators, isn’t it fair that we find out who those children are, if you are truly concerned about immune compromised children in our schools. Every child should be titer tested to know if herd immunity actually exists in any school. Plus studies have shown that immunity from measles varies from 2 to 20 years with an average of only about 7.2 years. Titer testing would catch those kids whose immunity has lapsed. If you are willing to remove rights over 2.6%, why would you ignore 5 to 15%?

I ask you to oppose HB 3063. This bill is dangerous, immoral, and anti-Oregon. You are in in no way ready to carry out this law in any form, you do not even know what will happen. No one has ever considered the collateral damage or unintended consequences that will arise. And we will NOT vaccinate our children that we feel are in danger of serious reactions or death....short of pointing a gun at our heads. I hope no one is considering a ridiculous bill that includes that, though for many this bill is equal to that concept.

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