

I have watched much of the public hearing on this bill and have facts to add for your consideration.

A number of people referred to polio they witnessed as children, and now believe that polio has been all but eliminated by vaccines. This is a prevalent mythology and is almost entirely false. Poliomyelitis is a pathogen that has been with humanity since it began, because it is found in human feces. In over 99% of cases, people have a brief fever and aches of a couple days and recover fully. Why in less than 1% of cases was there paralysis? Why was polio called The Summer Disease because it occurred most often in that season? Why was there virtually no record of polio paralysis until the early 20th century, with another spike in mid-century?

The answers lie with the advent of chemical pesticides in agriculture. The first spike occurred in NY City in the early 1900's, when sugar raised in the new Hawaiian fields treated with lead arsenate as a pesticide entered the food supply. The second spike occurred in the 50's after DDT became prevalent. Before passing your bill to restrict exemptions based at all on mythologies about polio, read this essay [AGE OF POLIO](#) and consider its wisdom. The poliomyelitis virus is virtually harmless, and paralysis is caused either by exposure to toxic chemicals alone, or the chemicals allow the virus to go where it never has before, through the myelin sheath of nerves where it can do damage.

People at the hearing said polio has now been almost eradicated by vaccines, and this also is a mythology. We still have paralytic conditions, but public health officials have simply [changed the terms](#) for it from 'polio' to Acute Flaccid Myelitis

(AFM). In other words, [POLIO WASN'T VANQUISHED, IT WAS REDEFINED](#). Because it never really existed as defined in the first place.

I said in my first statement to you that death from diseases were in steep decline from other factors throughout the 20th century long before vaccines were ever introduced, and continued on similar declines afterward. One exception is polio, where incidents went up slightly due to the vaccine induced deaths. Two other different exceptions are scarlet fever and typhoid, which declined to almost no deaths with no vaccine ever introduced. This leads me to know that vaccines have never done anything to prevent deaths from disease, only other public health factors have. This may be shocking, but I urge you to review [THESE GRAPHS](#) based on US Vital Statistics and other public health data, and consider your own conclusions.

Do not bother to bring this bill to a vote. Oregonians oppose it on many valid grounds, and science and history are two of them.