

My name is Cortney Thomas and I am submitting the following testimony in opposition of HB 3063. After watching the hearing, it has become evident that the supporters of HB 3063 do not understand the narrowing parameters in which OHA grants medical exemptions. The following are eligible for a medical exemption:

Dtap - severe anaphylaxis, encephalopathy
MMR - severe allergic reaction, severe immunodeficiency
Hib - anaphylaxis
Hep B - anaphylaxis
HPV - anaphylaxis
Rotavirus - severe allergic reaction, history of intussusception
Varicella - severe allergic reaction, severe immunodeficiency

That is it. There have been a couple of medical exemptions granted outside of the ACIP parameters, but it is very very rare.

The following are just 20 of the 950 possible serious adverse events (SAE) that have occurred following vaccinations but do NOT warrant a medical exemption in the state of Oregon:

Anemias
Platelet disorders
Spleen and lymphatic disorders
Cardiac arrhythmias
Seizures
Guillain-Barré Syndrome
Neurological disorders
Diabetes
Chemical injury or poisoning
Pneumonia
Malabsorption issues
Metabolic disorders
Thyroid disorders
Bacterial infections
Encephalitis
Transverse Myelitis
White blood cell disorders
Central Nervous System Inflammation
Vision loss
Death of sibling

Hopefully you see now why so many of us are upset about the removal of philosophical and religious exemptions. My daughter suffered from her first of hundreds of petite mal seizures on the way home from the wellness appointment after she received her MMR only, yet we still were unsuccessful at obtaining a medical exemption, even for the MMR alone. My family, along with many others I spoke to are unable to afford to stay home and home school. Resuming vaccines is not an option for us so we would be forced to leave this state we love, both my husband's family and mine, our friends and our school in order to protect my children. This bill essentially tells parents like myself, "We are aware that serious adverse events happen following routine vaccinations. We are very sorry that your child suffered from a serious adverse reaction, but you going to have to cause her grave harm in order to attend, public, private or an online school. But thanks for taking one for the team." I have also included a 1200 page Glaxo Smith Kline documents stating all Serious Adverse Events that occurred after their Infanrix vaccine (the 6 in 1 vaccine which just received FDA approval in the US). I'm asking that you listen to me and the thousands of other parents like me and vote no on HB 3063.

Thank you.