

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the Health Care Committee,

I appreciate your time and thank you for listening to my testimony regarding HB3063.

Vaccine injury and adverse reactions are real. They are listed on vaccine inserts and are recognized by the OHA and the CDC. However, the state of Oregon does not recognize adverse reactions to vaccines as reason enough for a medical exemption from vaccines. Anyone who has an adverse reaction, even if it is listed as an adverse reaction on the vaccine insert, is still expected to continue getting vaccinated. This can have devastating consequences for children who have had injuries or severe reactions to vaccines.

On the CDC website, there is a link to VAERS, a national vaccine safety surveillance program. The purpose of this program is report adverse reactions after vaccination. To date, it has paid out billions to people who have been injured by vaccines.

Thanks to the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, Pharmaceutical Companies cannot be held liable for any injury resulting in vaccination.

A liability free medical procedure that clearly comes with risks cannot be mandated by government. Parents must have the ability to decline one or all vaccines for their children based on their personal medical history and past adverse reactions to vaccines. Decisions to vaccinate should be between a doctor and patient, not decided by government.

The current non-medical exemption system in Oregon works. It requires you to watch an online module about vaccination and/or see a doctor for information about vaccines. *Exemption rates in Oregon include children who are partially vaccinated.* OHA estimates that less than 2% of school age children are completely unvaccinated.

Everyone wants to protect the immunocompromised and babies too young to vaccinate. But how can we justify doing this by harming other children? Please remember the vaccine injured when you vote. They deserve protection too. Please vote no on HB3063.

Sincerely,

Carrie Kirschner