

I am writing to tell you that I oppose HB 3063, the bill to end all non-medical vaccine exemptions for Oregon schoolchildren. I believe parents should retain their rights to refuse vaccinations without being coerced, and I believe all children should have access to an education regardless of vaccination status.

Why are exemption rate increasing? The number of vaccinations children receive now is far above the number that their parents received. Some parents choose to opt out of 1 or more of them or eventually get all but on a delayed schedule.

Please consider that this bill, as it is written is not serving Oregon residents. The outcome will not be to have all children vaccinated to the full extent of the CDC schedule. It could mean the withdrawal of many students from Oregon public school. If all 5.2% of children who have exemptions withdraw from school, that translates to, a **loss of \$400,000,000+ annually**, as there are more than 31,000 exemptions on file, with each student estimated to cost \$13k ([source](#)). In a state where the public-school system is already underfunded and underperforming, that is a huge loss to take.

Vaccine exemptions include:

- A child who receives ALL the vaccines, but does this on a delayed schedule due to personal health concerns
- A child who never receives the Hepatitis B vaccine (Hep B is a blood born or sexually transmitted disease)
- A child who belong to a religion who would like to opt out of one or all vaccines (MMR vaccine is from fetal tissue, so some who oppose abortion might also refuse to use MMR for the same reason)
- A child who had a reaction to a vaccine and yet doesn't qualify for medical exemption
- A child with a health risk who does not qualify for medical exemptions. In Oregon only a handful of medical exemptions are given. As the bill is written now, the children who need exemption because of genetic mutations (MTHFR,COMT, or VDR mutations for example),susceptibility to autoimmune disease, personal autoimmune disease, would not be able to attend school unless they accept a medical procedure (full schedule vaccination) which puts their own health at risk.

A vaccination is a medical procedure. It is a medication that is being administered. It is not benign. There are known and documented risks. To MANDATE a MEDICAL PROCEDURE is not okay.

Please vote NO on this Bill.

Thanks you,
Elise Schroeder
Concerned citizen
Concerned parent
Resident of Portland, Oregon