

Chairwoman Salinas and Committee:

My name is Jordan Ohrt and I am a mother of two, a local Realtor in the Willamette Valley of eight years, I have my Bachelor of Business Administration from James Madison University and I am also a newly elected councilor for the City of Stayton.

HB 3063 is a one size fits all approach to medicine when medicine is most effective as individualized care. As a parent, like my other positions, I take my job seriously and do not make decisions that affect my children's health and well-being lightly. With that being said, I believe that all parents should be able to make educated and informed choices regarding their children and their health care. Some parents choose to vaccinate on the CDC recommended schedule and some space out and delay shots. Some based on conversations with their health care providers selectively vaccinate. Below is an example of why someone might choose to skip some of the recommended shots.

When I was 16 I was a lifeguard at a local pool and was considered a first responder as I might need to administer first aid or CPR and therefore could be exposed to an unknown person's bodily fluids. Because of this, the fire department suggested that my coworkers and I get the Hepatitis B vaccine series. After talking it over with my doctor, my parents and I decided to go ahead with it.

Fast forward 14 years later while pregnant with my son, I was surprised to find that this series is not only added as a required vaccine for children to enter to Kindergarten (preschool), it is unnecessarily started on the FIRST day of life! Hepatitis B for the most part is transmitted through bodily fluids during sexual activity, intravenous drug use, or exposure at a high-risk job like my previous employment. None of these situations pertain to majority, if not all newborns and kids are not passing this disease around on the playground.

The same dosing size I got as a teenager is given to a newborn 7 lb baby. Recombivax HB Hepatitis vaccine clinical trials included 147 infants and children up to 10 years of age. It was also only safety tested for 5 DAYS after each administration. That is it. Anything after that and the manufacturer can claim it might not have anything to do with the vaccine.

(<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/approvedproducts/ucm110114.pdf>)

In contrast the FDA approved drug Vioxx that Merck had to pull of the market and was sued over because it was giving patients heart attacks and strokes was tested in a group of 1400 patients for 6 months or longer and in another group of 800 for one year or more. I will add that during that time the clinical trials show a patient was twice as likely to die of a heart attack while taking Vioxx than the placebo group, but the FDA approved it anyway. (https://www.rxlist.com/vioxx-drug.htm#side_effects).

Parents cannot sue pharmaceutical companies if their child is injured or hurt by a vaccine like patients could with Vioxx. The 1986 Childhood Vaccine Injury Act took away all liability. With that act Health and Human Services was supposed to report back to Congress every two years with the information on safety testing to insure the safety of the public with these products. It has now come out in a law suit against HHS that they have not done one study in over 30 years! (<https://icandecide.org/governments/>)

There are currently 72 doses of vaccines on the current schedule for children by the time they are 18 years old. With the passage of HB 3063, if a family, after discussing all this information with their pediatrician, decides to delay or decline this series (but get all other required vaccinations) the child will be missing 3 of the 22 shots necessary for entering kindergarten and would be denied their right to a

public education. Decline even one shot, DENIED a public education. Furthermore, a child (or staff member for that matter) with chronic Hepatitis B would not only be ALLOWED to go to school, but their medical status would be protected and none of the teachers or classmates would have to be told about it! How can it be justified that a child who is missing even one dose of that Hepatitis B series and does not have the disease would be excluded from school? We all want the same thing: health kids, a health society. We are not different in that way. This bill has good intentions but taking away the rights of parents and deny children their fundamental right to an education is the not the way to go about this issue. I urge you, considering this testimony and the others you are hearing today to oppose and vote no on HB 3063.

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