

February 28, 2019
Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Please OPPOSE HB 3063

Dear House Committee on Health Care Representatives,

I respectfully urge you to OPPOSE HB 3063.

I am a tax paying citizen, university educated thinker (bachelor's degree in a science field with courses on research and epidemiology), and the mother of 3 beautiful and healthy children.

As I watched the public hearing online today, my bright 5 year old came to check in with me several times to ask "Have they decided yet? Can I go to school next year?" This is not a question a 5 year old should have to ask, but if this HB 3063 passes, my oldest will not be able to start kindergarten next year at public school. Online public school is isn't even an option as it is currently written.

If my husband and I decide that the risks outweigh the benefits for even only one vaccine on the current (or future) schedule, such as the Hep B vaccine, my children will be denied a public education. And yet those with Hepatitis B are not necessarily excluded from public schools themselves. How does that make sense?

These are private medical decisions made on an individual basis after research and discussion with medical professionals - and the government has no place in it. I am deeply concerned about a bill that will hold public education ransom to vaccinations that are physically harmful to certain individuals or religiously unacceptable to others.

I am PRO informed consent and PRO medical freedom. This bill forces for some the denial of either medical freedom OR educational freedom. This is not an acceptable choice.

The number of medical professionals that attended the public hearing and testified that disagreed with each other on this bill should be a red flag! The fact that people can be awarded settlements in the NVICP (vaccine court) and STILL not receive medical exemptions for vaccinations should be a red flag!

Clearly, healthcare is not best served in a one-size-fits-all model and our government should not be mandating it as such. Please OPPOSE HB 3063.

Thank you,

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