

I am a concerned parent in Oregon. I understand that health safety measures for the public should be top priority but taking away parental rights is not the way to go about it. Even when a parent opts out of only 1 dose of a vaccine, it is written down as an exemption and added to our unvaccinated numbers. Oregon's unvaccinated rate is not that high, at only 2.6% opting out of all vaccines. There are many who choose to opt out just 1 or 2 vaccines, such as the Hep B vaccine. I opt out of this one and here is why:

According to Immunologist Tetyana Obukhanch, "Hepatitis B is a blood-borne virus. It does not spread in a community setting, especially among children who are unlikely to engage in high-risk behavior such as needle sharing or sex. Vaccinating children for hepatitis B cannot significantly alter the safety of public spaces. Further, school admission is not prohibited for children who are chronic hepatitis B carriers. To prohibit school admission for those who are simply unvaccinated - and do not even carry hepatitis B - would constitute unreasonable and illogical discrimination."

This bill alienates the inalienable RIGHTS of people to make their own choices for health for their children and families. This bill deprives people the ability to exercise religious freedom which runs counter to the very foundation of our country's principles. Even removing philosophical individual freedom is unconstitutional. And it is extremely difficult to find a pediatrician willing to give medical exemptions; and even further challenging to find a pediatrician willing to treat unvaccinated kids. My children have not been able to be under the care of a pediatrician full time because pediatricians are afraid to take non vaccinating patients. As for the religious freedom aspect of it: my religious freedoms are not yours to take; they are mine. Injecting aborted fetal cells into my children is strictly against my religion and my beliefs.

Children today receive 69 doses of vaccines for 16 different viral and bacterial illnesses which more than doubles the government childhood schedule of 34 doses of 11 different vaccines in the year 2000. A vaccine exemption is filed regardless of whether the exemption is filed for one dose or all doses. Oregon's vaccination rates are much higher than we've been led to believe. Only 2.6% of students K-12 are 100% unvaccinated.

Another major problem with the way this bill is written is that it is effective immediately. For example, let's say a 4th grader is unvaccinated for religious reasons. This bill says its effective immediately, so this 4th grader would be expelled from school until caught up on all vaccines. Do you know how long it would take to safely get this 4th grader up to date on vaccines with the proper spacing? It would take YEARS to get a child safely caught up on their vaccinations. And what is a child and parent supposed to do during those years they are not allowed in school? This bill would affect and expel thousands of children for possibly years. The public school would lose approximately \$13,000 per child in funding for those children no longer attending. Even if only 2,000 students are no longer allowed in public schools because of this bill, that's 26 million dollars lost in funding for public schools. We have approximately 31,000 exemptions across the state of Oregon with roughly 4 million people. If those children were all expelled for a few years, the public schools would lose 403 million per year in funding.

The constitution guarantees the right to a free education. We pay taxes and our children have the right to go to school. This bill is a violation of an American Citizen's basic freedom and rights. Never has there been a law requiring citizens to inject their bodies with anything. Cigarettes, Alcohol, Cars. They all kill children every year and yet those things are legal. This is an infringement of the Constitution and human rights. You cannot ignore the constitution whenever its convenient.

At the very core, this bill is an unjust removal of natural human rights and should not be allowed to move forward. Please oppose HB 3063.

Thank you for your time,

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