

Chairwoman Anderson and members of the committee, my name is Michael King. I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a Registered Nurse and a member of Oregonians for Vaccine Truth and Healthcare Choice. I oppose any variation to SB422 that will restrict my options for exemptions based on philosophical and religious reasons.

I stand before you not just as a medical professional, but as someone who has been vaccine injured; even more importantly, I am a citizen of the United States of America and I feel it is my duty to notify this committee of the dangers associated with passing this bill.

I recognize that for those in support of this bill, it is easy to relegate anyone with an opposing view as uneducated, unintelligent, or insane. I assure you that I am smart, educated, and sane.

Much like our legislative system, the medical system is set up with a system of checks and balances at the treatment-level of patient care. While it is my job to administer the treatments as prescribed by a doctor, I have the right and duty to question all treatments that do not appear to be safe or accurate pertaining to my patient. All doctors are human, and as humans we all make mistakes. It is the job of the pharmacist dispensing all medications to check and balance as well.

As a nurse it is my duty to point out that there is a serious medical discrepancy with the way we dose and administer vaccinations. Current vaccine dosing is at best substandard and does not follow evidence-based practices. Almost ALL pediatric medications are dosed based on weight due to the intricate physiologic interactions that medications have inside the human body. Even many adult medications take weight into consideration when a physician is prescribing, as this has an effect on the half-life and range of effects of the medication. Somehow this dosing consideration is ignored when vaccines are given to children. Many vaccines that children receive are only half the dose of a full-grown adult male. Common sense dictates that the body of a 20 lb. one year-old child should receive far less than half the dose that a 180 lb. male receives. This is stupidity at best and verging on medical malpractice at worst, yet the goal of this bill is to mandate these already poorly-dosed vaccines for each and every child?

Let us follow this bill to its logical end. If it is mandated that all children except those with a medical waiver, have to receive every vaccine on the schedule, what happens when even one

fourth of the 395 additional vaccines now in clinical trials or in the FDA approval process are added to that list? We at Oregonians For Vaccine Truth and Healthcare Choice believe that hundreds of thousands more people will have second thoughts when they are being told their children MUST receive 200 to 300 different vaccine injections over the course of their lifetime.

Let us look at just one vaccine to see the health problems associated with mandated vaccination. Pediarix is a vaccine that is produced by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and is a combination shot that immunizes against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, all subtypes of Hepatitis B, and Poliovirus. According to the dosing information provided by GSK, it is intended to be given in three doses by intramuscular injection at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. In order to produce this vaccine, it requires the use of aluminum, a heavy metal that without which the vaccine would not work. The literature from the company states that there are no more than 850 mcg of aluminum per dose. While this might not sound alarming at first, what if I told you that the toxic dose of aluminum for this age group is **10 to 20 mcg**? In other words, this vaccine that is currently regularly administered to our children contains KNOWN quantities of a heavy metal in concentrations that are at MINIMUM 42.5 times the toxic dose of aluminum for that age group, which creates significant risks due to their immature neurological and other organ systems. Elementary school math shows this vaccine is poorly dosed, but in reality it is medically irresponsible and verges on malpractice. Toxic doses of aluminum directly target the nervous system by disrupting the neurotransmitter Acetylcholine. It can cause osteomalacia, anemia, decreases glomerular filtration rate and renal blood flow in infants, and there is a strong link between aluminum and senile plaques in the brain which causes dementia. Pediarix contains less than or equal to 100 mcg of formaldehyde, which according to the CDC website on Workplace Safety Hazards is viewed as a potential carcinogen and in the workplace should be handled in a safety hood with significant ventilation, yet somehow this is an acceptable ingredient to inject into our children's soft tissue. Incidentally, formaldehyde has neurotoxic effects as well. All of this information on these ingredients is available through the CDC.

Moving on from the clear medical ramifications of passing this bill, it is my duty to bring up the human rights issues associated with this bill. This bill is subtly eroding our human rights as citizens of this great nation.

As a nurse I work directly with patients every day, and administer a variety of medications and treatments. One item of primary importance, which I explain to patients, people like you and me, on a regular basis, is their right to refuse any medication or treatment that for **any reason** they do not want to receive. As long as they are mentally sound, it doesn't matter if refusal of that treatment is life-threatening, it is still their inherent human right to refuse. This bill threatens that right of refusal by attempting to make vaccination mandatory.

In the hospital setting, there are times when medications may need to be administered against a patient's will. Typically, this **only** applies to psychotropic medications, and is **only** given when the patient is recognized by two different physicians as a danger to themselves or others.

If vaccination is made mandatory then the right of medication refusal has been removed, making them by definition involuntary. I suggest that even if this current law only applies to children, it sets up a very dangerous precedent. If vaccination becomes involuntary, then the **only** means by which this could be accomplished is to set up similar standards as those outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule 291, Division 64, regarding the "Informed Consent To Treatment With Psychotropic Medication" to inmates.

In summary, OAR 291.64 outlines the lengthy process by which inmates are able to be given psychotropic medications against their will in situations where they are believed to be causing imminent danger to themselves or others. If vaccination is to become compulsory, I suggest we law-abiding citizens deserve treatment that is at minimum the same as that of inmates. What this means is that each and every man, woman, or child who is required to have vaccines that they or their guardian is refusing will need to have their case reviewed by two separate physicians, both of whom will take into account the actual, not perceived, risks to that individual for each and every single medication that is being mandated. This is not a one-size-fits-all process, but one that is individualized for each person. Medical rights aside, the cost alone to follow the current legal process for similar involuntary medication administration would be so staggering as to be prohibitive, but this is the **minimum standard** by law and to follow any other procedure less than this would not only be gross medical negligence, but a direct human rights violation. I would truly be shocked if this ever passed an Ethics Board.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., a Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court once stated “The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins.” I have the freedom to choose whether to inject carcinogens and heavy metals into my body or not. Hospitals required the previously mentioned two-physician hold in order to **ensure** human rights are being maintained. Anything less is a direct violation of human rights. I would like to point out that as much as none of us like to be sick, Freedom From Disease is not listed in the US Constitution, nor does it need to be. Committee members, I want to remind you that the common cold is not fatal, and very few people die from the cold each year. This was not the case many years ago, but even with no vaccine for the common cold, there is no mass hysteria of a cold-epidemic, and few to no people die each year from this disease as a direct result of nutrition and hygiene, **not** vaccination. There is a growing body of evidence that I will not touch upon further here, but that demonstrates that vaccines are actually **behind** a number of cancers and other diseases, not just autism, which should call into question such bills as this one we are discussing now. Are vaccines **really** as safe as they are purported to be, and are they really **so** safe that they are worth completely ignoring my human rights to administer?

You see, I’m not just a nurse, but I’m also a victim of vaccine injury. My parents dutifully vaccinated me all my childhood, in spite of the fact that they have told me on multiples of occasions how I turned gray and stopped breathing after being administered a vaccine as an infant. Fortunately, a friend who was a nurse was present at the time I essentially died, and I am alive today to testify. Furthermore, the last time I received the yearly influenza vaccine, I became very ill with high fevers within six hours of receiving the injection. Not only that, but I developed what I refer to as “morning sickness,” as each morning for the next month I was incredibly nauseous, and had to sip on soda and crackers for half the morning for it to subside. Only a three month treatment of heavy probiotics rebalanced my body enough that I have not had continuing symptoms, but I was incredibly damaged by the flu vaccine as a full grown adult. Needless to say, I will not be getting a flu vaccine again regardless of the consequences --- it very well might kill me.

This is the United States of America. If we take away my human rights and body choice here, in this State Senate, what right will we take away next? Will it be my right for free speech? How about my right to religion? Our rights regarding freedom from unlawful search and seizure have

already been encroached upon under the Patriot Act in the name of safety, and to encroach on our rights to choose what we do or do not do with our own bodies in the name of safety is unacceptable. To force mandatory vaccinations to those who dissent is all but rape of the body, but of a different kind. Those who lived in Nazi Germany watched idly as their rights in every area were slowly and gradually eroded, and as part of the generation that will have to live with the results of your decisions for the next sixty years or more, I am unwilling to sit by silently when my rights and the health and safety of those I love are in danger due to the poisons contained in vaccines, which some are attempting to make mandatory.

My human rights are far more important than the perceived risk of diseases that may or may not ever affect any of us, most of which are uncomfortable, but far from fatal, and almost all of which can be controlled and contained with proper hygiene and a focus on nutrition. Regardless of political view, no one in this room gets the right to take those rights from me or any other citizen of this State or Nation. Don't be the ones to set a dangerous precedent that future Senate Committees could build on to your and my detriment. If not for me, or those hundreds and thousands out there like me, well-educated, intelligent, and sometimes even vaccine-injured, who do not want this bill passed, then do it for yourself, your children, your loved ones. The fear-and-hysteria must be replaced with the actual facts about diseases and the inherent dangers in vaccines themselves, but even more important is that as United States Citizens we still have Constitutional rights that must be upheld regardless of the opinions of some in positions of authority. I ask you to strike down any part of this bill that infringes on our religious or philosophical rights to decide medical treatment for ourselves or our families. Thank you.