

Subject: Opposition to SB 895-2

I am writing in vehement opposition to SB 895-2. I intended to write in opposition of SB 895 (as it was originally written). The shaming nature of the original bill (forcing schools to post vaccination rates) was no less than a bully tactic. However, the amended bill (as of this afternoon) falls unfathomably lower. As you're probably aware, Senator Steiner-Hayward recently proposed and subsequently pulled SB 442 in the Healthcare Committee. The bill was met with an outcry of opposition by people (like myself) who value informed consent, human rights, and religious and medical freedom. Bill 895-2 is a combination of SB 442 and SB 895. Nothing has changed about the constituents' view of the legislation, and although some may not hear it well, we oppose this bill. SB 895-2, while leaving religious and philosophical exemptions intact (for now), would require parents to obtain a signature from a medical doctor. The amended legislation does not allow signatures by naturopaths even though Oregon law states that naturopaths can be primary care providers. In addition, that a physician signature is even required for a religious or philosophical exemption makes no logical sense. This legislation, amended in the eleventh hour, is an evil and unwelcome infringement on our liberty. I ask you to hear us once again. Please oppose SB 895-2.

Sincerely,

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