

In 2013, SB 132 became law and eliminated the specific religious exemption for mandatory vaccines and requires anyone who wishes to claim an exemption for any nonmedical reason, (including religious reasons) to obtain a signature from a health care practitioner, or after watching an online education module, that they have reviewed "approved" information on the risks and benefits of vaccines. That law specifically grandfathered all prior religious exemptions and put no greater burden on those exercising their religious rights.

The last minute proposed -2 Amendment to SB 895 eliminates the online education module after being in operation for less than one year, without any feedback on the effectiveness of the module and eliminates the grandfathered religious exemptions, requiring those parents to incur the financial burden of obtaining a doctor's signature on a new exemption form.

Proposed -2 Amendment of SB 895 clearly interferes and burdens the rights of religion and conscience and will violate the Oregon Constitution if passed, by eliminating the grandfathered religious exemptions. Article 3 of Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution provides, "No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise, and

enjoyment of religious [sic] opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience."

SB 132 was specifically requested by the Oregon Pediatric Society with the intention of making the vaccine exemption process more burdensome on parents, not to ensure parents are better educated. SB 895 follows through based on the same philosophy of making it more burdensome, both financially and time wise, for people to claim an exemption. It is not an attempt to better educate parents before exercising their right to informed consent. If education was the goal, requiring a full explanation of the risks and benefits of vaccines, and the risks of not vaccinating should be required not only of those claiming an exemption, but for those who elect to vaccinate as well.

Informed consent consists of a full disclosure of all the risks, as indicated on vaccine package inserts, not the watered down, CDC approved inserts which fail to mention the most severe potential adverse effects from vaccines. With four Federal studies pointing out that the CDC has become a captive agency, with a revolving door between its administrators and the industry it is supposed to regulate, the agency has failed to serve the interests of the people of Oregon and the country.

SB 895 -2 Amendment (proposed) is bad law, is  
unconstitutional law, and should be rejected by the  
committee.

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