

Subject: testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 895-2

Dear Senators -

I am writing this morning as I have heard that Senator Steiner-Hayward added an amendment to SB 895 now proposed SB 895-2. I am in complete opposition to this new SB 895-2 on multiple levels.

1. Bullying
2. Invasion of medical privacy
3. Potential Violation of HIPAA and FERPA laws
4. Violates Medical Freedom
5. Discriminates against Naturopathic Physicians

As I stated yesterday in my email, this bill will not create "conversation" but will give ammunition for bullying to take place, it is a clear invasion of privacy and has ENORMOUS potential to violate HIPAA and FERPA laws set in place to protect medical information. Vaccination records are MEDICAL INFORMATION!

In addition to those discussed above, this new amendment stands to violate medical and religious freedom as a parent would now have to have a medical professional sign a form for a NON-medical exemption. What law protects the parents if a physician refuses???? If a parent has a religious belief that prevents them from choosing a specific vaccine, why would they have to talk to a physician who likely would not share their religious belief? Also, Physicians do not have the time nor the resources to fill their schedules with form signing.

Finally this is in BLATANT violation of ORS 685.055 which protects Naturopathic Physicians from discrimination. NDs are licensed primary care providers in the state of Oregon and can administer vaccinations in their office. How can they be excluded from the list of potential providers able to sign exemptions. A physician assistant would be approved but a Naturopathic PHYSICIAN would not? This bill does not make sense in it's entirety.

I am in complete opposition to SB 895 and SB 895-2 and all future amendments.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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