

Subject: SB 895

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you today about SB 895 and urge you to vote no on this bill. There are many reasons this bill is not a good one. For starters the rates for immunizations can already be found out for schools if people are really wanting that information so now why is there a need for those reports to be made even more public by having it be on the websites, and in other literature about the schools. This seems like a shaming bill to me and why would our government want to be a part of bullying. This opens up a way for names to "accidentally" get out and that violates peoples privacy. Do you think this would be allowed for the % of kids attending schools with HIV, STD's or other diseases to be public information on school websites. I don't think so, so why should this be allowed for the % of unvaccinated kids. Furthermore do you realize that a child could be up to date on all their shots but one and still be counted in the % of unvaccinated kids, therefore those numbers are already highly misrepresented data.

Then there is the issue with this new -2 amendment that was just added. First, what does this -2 amendment even have to do with education. This should not be presented with an education bill as this is a health related bill which has already been brought up in the health committee and withdrawn. I feel this is a sneaky way for senator Hayward to once again pull weight with her agenda which is not what the people of Oregon want.

This -2 amendment takes away the video module which was only added last year and hasn't even had the chance to see if it works or influences peoples personal decisions on vaccinations. This makes families go to a doctor to get "educated" on their personal, religious decision. What does a doctor have to do with signing off on religious, personal exemptions. Along with that it costs the families additional money to make these unnecessary appointments just to have a doctor sign off in addition to many will have to seek out a doctor that is not their regular, personal care provider due to only certain kinds of doctors being allowed to sign off. What about those families who see alternative doctors or naturopaths for their primary care. Those doctors are not allowed to sign off even when that is the only doctor families chose to see. This makes no sense as well as putting an addition burden on Oregon families.

This bill has too many things wrong with it and I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 895 and 895 -2.

Thank you,
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