

Dear members of the Senate Education committee,

I oppose SB895-2 for the same reasons I opposed SB442 (and all its subsequent amendments):

- I object to removal of the vaccine education module in lieu of a physician's signature verifying the patient has been counselled on the risks and benefits of immunization. The module is sufficient and does not put undue burden on families who will have to take time off work and pay for another doctor's visit. This module was put in place just last year and the data on whether it has accomplished it's purpose is not available yet. A change to this policy to attempt to change vaccination rates is premature.
- I object to prohibiting Naturopaths from providing their signature that they have counselled their patients about vaccines. Naturopaths are licensed physicians and provide primary care to many families, including ours. They are just as qualified to discuss vaccinations with their patients as MDs. And why would a less educated physician's assistant or nurse practitioner be more qualified to discuss vaccinations with a patient than a licensed naturopath?
- I object to requiring schools to publish records of students with a vaccine exemption. This further burdens our schools with reporting requirements that may result, intentionally or unintentionally, in punitive measures--from the press and from the community. Let's work towards giving schools the support they need, not more compliance mandates.

Please vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,
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