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Oppose SB895—it's been gutted and stuffed with SB442

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Dear Senator Roblan and members of the committee:

Senator Steiner Hayward's opening remarks at the SB895 public hearing is "forget SB895 and look at the -3 amendments." The -3 amendments appeared on the OLLIS website 12 minutes before the hearing. The -2 amendments appeared an hour later than the deadline for testimony submissions. This bill is the classic "gut and stuff" so that SB 895 is now stuffed with 95% SB442. Dissecting this bill becomes imperative. NOTE: This bill was not called for by the Oregon Department of Education.

The sponsor's premise for this legislation is this:

The only "Good" Oregon student is a fully vaccinated student. A "BAD" Oregon student is one that hasn't had all 69 doses of 16 different bacterial and viral antigens according to the CDC's recommended vaccination schedule.

1. **Posting aggregate vaccination exemptions** is to spawn a "community conversation" in the words of the bill's sponsors. The school-based community conversations that have taken place in Ashland have been little more than brow beating parents who have exercised an informed exemption decision. Even when the CDC came to Ashland in 2009, overwhelming comments dealing with vaccine safety, have fallen on deaf ears at the CDC. Depending on multiple factors, aggregate numbers could easily identify students and lead to bullying and intimidation. The Scholastic magazine read by over 550,000 school students, many in Ashland, has had several issues graphically demeaning and marginalizing parents and students who have not had all their vaccinations. This is a clear representation of exactly the kind of one sided conversation and bullying that takes place. It isn't hypothetical. The bill's sponsor is not interested in a dialog/community conversation but a one-sided presentation of science and one-sided facts as demonstrated by the forum¹ that she will be participating in with not one person to represent the "informed consent/vaccine safety" community of parents who are the target of SB442, SB673, SB895.
2. **Informed Consent**—According to the bill's sponsor, SB895/442 is addressing the "informed consent" issue, by requiring a doctor's office visit to discuss a vaccination. The bill eliminates the on-line education module which has been available for less than a year, and the bill's sponsor has no hard data on its performance, yet it's being eliminated, forcing parents to make an expensive office visit where the physician can deny the exemption. Doctors are kicking

patients out of their practice, if they choose an exemption. This isn't informed consent; it isn't a dialog, its back to a coercive, captive environment where medical personnel aren't even producing the vaccination package insert as part of the informed consent process. They are using the wholly inadequate CDC Vaccination Information Sheet which doesn't even discuss vaccine ingredients such as thimerosal and aluminum.

3. **Exemption Rates**—Because of the way Oregon exemption rates are recorded, exemption does not mean unvaccinated. You could have 22 out of 23 vaccination doses and be counted as exempt/unvaccinated. Oregon does not have an unvaccinated-exemption crisis. It has a data issue leading to an erroneous conclusion. For measles, polio, pertussis our vaccination rates are high enough to protect the broader public from measles and polio. Pertussis is another story. The pertussis vaccine effectiveness is in serious question because B. pertussis bacteria has evolved and lack pertactin (PRN)

“.....vaccinated patients had significantly higher odds than unvaccinated patients of being infected with PRN-deficient strains. Moreover, when patients with up-to-date DTaP vaccinations were compared to unvaccinated patients, the odds of being infected with PRN-deficient strains increased, suggesting that PRN-bacteria may have a selective advantage in infecting DTaP-vaccinated persons.”²

4. **Cost**—Who is going to pay for these doctor's office visits? At \$100-\$200 an average 12-15 minute appointment when there is not even a billing code for an exemption discussion, the parents must pay. This is financially discriminatory and is a financial harm to parents because they are more cautious, read the vaccine inserts, study the science.

Senator Knoop, There is an elephant in the room. SB132, SB442, SB673, and SB895 all ignore the elephant. Until the Oregon legislature addresses the elephant in the room as opposed to “blame the parents” legislation, we will only be treating symptoms, not the problem.

Oregonians for vaccine safety-informed consent want the opportunity to talk about elephants with you.

Sincerely,

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