

We urge your "YES" vote on Senate Bill 895 A

SB 895 A furthers the state's efforts to increase childhood immunization rates by making individual school immunization rates more transparent.



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Oregon has some of the highest vaccination exemption rates in the country. When high rates of individuals receive exemptions, it can contribute to the spread of preventable diseases. Over a 15 year period, Oregon's vaccination exemption rate steadily increased, rising to 7 percent statewide in 2013-2014. Some Oregon counties have even higher exemption rates.

SB 895 A seeks to:

- **Improve parents' access to information about immunization rates where their children attend school or child care.** This allows for informed decision making by the parent about where their children go to school or child care. Also allows parent to be aware of risk for other family members who may attend events at school.
- **Lend transparency to data already collected by the school or child care facility.** Schools and child care facilities are already required to collect and report immunization data to their local health department. SB 895 A would require the local health departments to make data available on immunization rate, by disease, for each individual school or child care facility.
- **Ensures parents right to information through multiple mediums.** Schools and child care facilities would be required to make the data available, twice in the school year, in a clear and easy to understand manner, at the main office, on their website, and sent home via paper or electronic communication.

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