



Health Care Providers Oppose SB 649

Hospitals and physicians are committed to the health of all Oregonians. Science has proven that vaccinating against preventable disease is a vital step in achieving population-wide health. This action includes creating herd immunity to protect those who are most vulnerable in our society, including children on chemotherapy and those who have other immunosuppressive illnesses that make immunizations contraindicated. Vaccines are safe and scientifically proven to be effective.

The requirements in SB 649 are redundant and unnecessary.

We believe patients should receive evidence-based, scientifically verified information related to their health care decisions, including vaccinations. We already provide such information, and SB 649 would simply result in unnecessary confusion with the additional requirements that in no way improve the flow of useful information to the patient or the family.

SB 649 changes the age of consent for medical decisions.

We are very concerned that SB 649 makes a substantial change to state statute related to the age to consent for treatment.

Current statute allows an individual 15 years of age or older to make their own medical decisions. SB 649 would change the age of consent for vaccine decisions to 18 years of age or older. We do not support this change.

Please do not advance SB 649.

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