

To all sponsors of HB 3063 and House Health Care Committee:

Having been present at many public hearings on this topic, I have witnessed firsthand that they are rarely balanced in terms of giving both sides adequate time to speak. There are very educated doctors, lawyers, scientist and parents of vaccine injured children who deserve to have their voices heard. I ask this hearing to be fair, balanced, and include opposing viewpoints.

It is no longer a secret that vaccines are NOT safe **for all** and over \$4 billion has been paid out for vaccine injuries and deaths. HHS estimates less than 1% of adverse events are reported. Mandating any procedure involving such risks is UNETHICAL.

HHS has failed in its Congressional directive to study vaccine safety for 30 years as admitted in court just last year!

<https://icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/whitepapers/Stipulated%20Order%20copy.pdf>

Mandating liability-free vaccines (by removing non-medical exemptions) that have not been properly safety tested is in direct opposition to the first tenet of the Nuremberg Code: The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential.

The vaccine industry's claim that measles vaccination rates are falling are not supported by the federal government's own statistics! According to the CDC's National Immunization Survey, there was no change in the percentage of children who received one or more MMR vaccines from 2013 through 2017, holding steady at around 91.5% with no statistically significant changes for the past 5 years. Children who are unvaccinated make up less than 1% of all children and pose no threat to achieving herd immunity.

In Oregon, there have only been FOUR confirmed cases of measles. In Washington and Oregon combined, there has been one hospitalization and zero deaths. This is NOT an emergency!

See attachments.

Fact: Oregon has very high and above national average vaccine rates. 94% statewide and continues to go UP per Oregon Health Authority.

Fact: Oregon school children have 95.8 % Vaccine rates for MMR. 97% for 7th Graders.

Fact: Out of 604,000 students there are only 15,700 that are fully unvaccinated for religious or personal beliefs.

Fact: Only 2.6 % of all school students k-12 are 100% unvaccinated. **Not 7.5%**. Per OHA roughly 50% of those with an exemption on file are fully vaccinated for communicable diseases, many opting out of one Hep A or Hep B dose. Of the people who filed an exemption, 66% of them partially vaccinated their kids. (Because only 2.6% of the 7.5% of exemptions did no vaccines, that means 4.9% did vaccinate,  $4.9/7.5=65\%$ )

Fact: Oregon has averaged over 4-5 cases per year of measles for past 20 years. Some years being 9 and 14 cases.

Fact: Oregon has the 3rd highest requirement of vaccines of any state in the nation.

Fact: Over 4 billion has been paid out for vaccine injury and death. Per a Harvard study this only captures less than 1 % of all adverse events. Choice is key.

Fact: If this bill passes Oregon would lose 400 million dollars in funding. Many private schools will buckle in rural towns.

I implore you to consider all of this information and the ramifications surrounding removing non-medical exemptions. Non-medical vaccine exemptions are crucial considering obtaining a medical exemption is nearly impossible. Your child has to first **severely SUFFER, often risking death** AND to top it off, the exemptions are specific to that one shot, not all of them! Ex:

Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component

Encephalopathy (e.g., coma, decreased level of consciousness, prolonged seizures), not attributable to another identifiable cause, within 7 days of administration

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html>

I ask you do devote more **time** researching BOTH sides of this argument. The science is NOT settled. We are talking about CHILDREN and though they may not be your children who are permanently brain damaged or DEAD, the collateral damage is still somebody's child! Don't they deserve protection too?

Please consider these thoughts during this hearing. Thank you for your time,

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## Medical and Nonmedical Exemptions and Immunity Documentation

By far, parents in Oregon vaccinate their children. Parents who cannot or do not want their children to be vaccinated can claim an exemption for one or all school immunizations. There two types of exemptions; medical and nonmedical. In addition, some people may show immunity because of having had a disease or with a blood test. See below for explanations, directions and required forms for completing the exemption process.

### Medical Exemptions

Some people cannot get immunized because of a medical reason. Physicians can sign medical exemptions for children with valid contraindications to an immunization as determined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

There are two kinds of medical exemptions, temporary and permanent. Temporary medical exemptions are

Figure 1. Percent of children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade complete for each school-required vaccine in Oregon, March 2018.

