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Re: HB 3036, 2019 Testimony

Dear House Committee on Healthcare,

I am writing to you as Superintendent of Baker Charter Schools about HB 3036, 2019. We are a large virtual/early college charter school in Oregon. Our schools will serve roughly 2,200 students all across Oregon in the 2018-2019 school year. In the weeks leading up to this hearing, I had several concerned parents reach out to me. I am representing them in this testimony, as well as the position of Baker Charter Schools.

Currently, as a virtual school, Baker Web Academy collects immunization information and participates in the state reporting system accordingly. Last year we had roughly 73% of our student population fully vaccinated. With only 73% vaccinated, that means that 27% made the best choice for their family to NOT vaccinate their children. We are a school of choice and as such honor a parent's ability to make the best choices for their children. Whenever the state is taking away a parent's rights, I question the validity of that law.

I feel strongly that parents should be able to make the best choices for their student's health and am NOT in favor of this bill. Furthermore, this bill would dramatically impact the school's budget. If this bill passed, I estimate the damage from this bill to be a loss of 500 students or \$2,300,000 to our school system. We would be forced to make massive cuts to balance the budget.

Sincerely,

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