

Here is my written testimony for Thursday's hearing on HB 3063.

Thank you Chair Salinas and Committee. My name is Alisha Hauge and I strongly oppose HB 3063.

Our goal as parents is to raise healthy, respectful, educated children that will grow into strong leaders here in Oregon. This bill is threatening the ability to do just that. With over 31,000 children holding an exemption in Oregon many for just one vaccine, these children will be denied access to their free and fair education. I keep hearing that parents of children with exemptions still have a choice, we can homeschool. But really is that a choice? If this bill passes you will be making parents choose between their children's health and well being or their formal education. I also have been told that I need to continue to seek medical care from my trusted medical professionals. If HB 3063 passes I cannot continue to work with our trusted medical professionals and do what is right for my children because then they will be denied their education. So I ask you all, is the health of my children more or less important than their education and future. By passing this bill you are making thousands of parents choose between their child's health or their education. These 31,000 children will be adults one day don't we want them to have every opportunity to a bright and successful future. By passing this bill you are showing Oregonians you only care about certain children. Not all children. Who has the right to decide who is worthy and who isn't?

Thank you.

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*"Love consumes us only in the measure of our self surrender."*

*- St. Therese of Lisieux*