

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you about the proposed bill HB3063. I am an Oregon parent, am strongly opposed to this bill, and urge you to not allow it out of committee.

Our current laws, and allowances for there to be philosophical and religious exemptions, are rooted in the fact that early vaccine experimentation was enacted on prisoners in concentration camps in Nazi occupied Europe. Following that time, it was clearly understood that individual liberty was an important consideration in any medical procedure, and that encroaching on that "in the name of science" or "the good of society" was a slippery slope. After the Nuremberg war trials, the so-called Code of Nuremberg was published that laid down the groundwork for ethical conduct in research on humans that we have today. Later on, this led to the so-called Declaration of Helsinki, which has been amended and clarified ever since. Part of the first amendment from 1975 clearly states: "concern for the interests of the subject must always prevail over the interests of science and society."

I urge you strongly to consider this as you weigh your decision in this matter. Terry Hsu  
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