

Thank you Chair Salinas and members of the house health care committee. My name is Erin Linck from McMinnville Oregon and I oppose HB 3063.

First and foremost I would like to address the fact that this bill and many others like it suggests that anyone with a credible scientific source of research would believe that vaccines are safe and effective, but that those who are choosing to not vaccinate are doing so based on fear and misinformation. This is not true.

Anyone supporting this bill is failing to see that passing this bill solves zero issues, but rather creates several.

The government has no qualifications to be interjecting their views between the trusted doctor patient relationship.

This bill assumes that those who are susceptible to vaccine reactions would be protected by a medical exemption. This is false. In fact, currently the only valid contraindication to a vaccine as listed by the CDC is an allergic reaction to a previous vaccine.

This bill also assumes that a family who does not choose to vaccinate can afford to homeschool their children. This is also not true.

Therefore children of parents who cannot afford to homeschool their children, will be forced to submit their children to experimental medical treatment that they do not agree with in order to be granted permission to engage in equal social opportunity.

This bill suggests that unvaccinated children are unhealthy and a greater risk to contracting and spreading diseases to the public. This statement is without merit as there has not been a single study done to compare the frequency or type of illness contracted by vaccinated vs unvaccinated children, nor has there been any study comparing the overall health of unvaccinated children versus vaccinated children.

There has however, been study after study showing that vaccines DO NOT guarantee immunity to any of the diseases they intend to protect against, and furthermore, indicate both short and long term medical issues in recipients of the vaccines.

On Feb 22nd of this year the Department of Pediatrics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA published a study regarding the DTaP vaccine stating,

“Because of the linked-epitope suppression, all children who were primed by the DTaP vaccines will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes, and there is no easy way to decrease this increased lifetime susceptibility.” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/30793754/>

If you believe in science and fact-based policies then I would urge you to start paying attention to both scientific research and fact based studies regarding vaccinations.

Thank you