

Dear representatives,

I'm contacting you today in regards to House Bill 3063 that would eliminate all non-medical exemptions for children attending public and private schools in Oregon. The impact this bill would have on our school system and over 31,000 students would be major. If this bill passes many parents could potentially pull their children from our school system which could result in up to a \$4 million dollar loss in school funding.

Here are some facts about the current non-medical exemptions on file in Oregon.

OHA reports that the vaccination rates across Oregon remain high.

7.5% of kindergarteners file an exemption form, meaning they could simply be exempt from ONE vaccine and not ALL vaccines.

Only 2.6% of students in K-12 are 100% UNVACCINATED so that means 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,  $4.9/7.5=65\%$ )

Exemption rates go up naturally over time as a new vaccine is added to the schedule, parents are opting out until they are ready.

Our own federal government has deemed vaccines to be unavoidably unsafe. My children are at a much higher risk of vaccine reaction due to genetic predispositions. Vaccinating them can be compared to me playing a game of Russian roulette but with their health. I as a parent, along with their doctor, am making the best decision for their health I possibly can and we are not willing to take that risk with my children's lives and health. If one of my children is injured by a vaccine there is very little recourse for me to peruse other than the vaccine injury compensation program and even then it would be a fight to prove the damage as so many want to deny that vaccines are just as capable of causing death as the diseases themselves. There is no one size fits all when it comes to health care as every human is slightly genetically different and vaccines should be treated no differently than any other aspect of healthcare.

I strongly urge you to please vote against House Bill 3063.

Thank you for your time,

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