

Dear Committee Members:

I strongly oppose this bill because it goes too far. By removing all non-medical exemptions, Oregon is putting its state interest above the individual interests of its citizens in deciding what's best for its children. The state is attempting to socialize the rights of parents to decide for themselves and their children what in their best interests. Vaccines have been proven to be dangerous to certain individuals and currently the federal vaccine compensatory relief fund has paid out over \$4 million dollars, which is difficult to get in the first place, implying that there's probably more injured persons than have been not been able to be compensated.

Speaking as a parent of 5, I'd rather have a healthy child with a healthy immune system that can fight off childhood disease than one that is permanently injured by something that is not even proven to be totally effective in preventing disease. There are other measures such as improving the safety of vaccines and the immune system that others more eloquently argued to against fight childhood diseases. But mainly, the state's interests don't outweigh the parents' individual interests in deciding for themselves what is the best course of action for their families. The state doesn't have to provide day to day care for damaged persons; the state currently doesn't have a cure for vaccine-injured persons; and the state isn't gonna pay all the vaccine-injured medical bills. The state isn't going to apologize or try make a life or spend Thanksgivings and Christmases with vaccine-injured persons. The state needs to hear more testimonies of persons who have been brain-injured from vaccines and from those who offer alternative solutions. Respectfully, the state needs to butt out.

The state may have an interest but it doesn't outweigh the individuals' rights to make decisions about his or her body and that of their children.

Children are not made from cookie cutters and shouldn't be treated as such.

Respectfully,

Tamara Miller, citizen of Oregon