

Honorable Chair Greenlick and Committee Members,

My name is Rebekah Chiew, and I am a Portland resident, and the mother to two beautiful children. I strongly oppose HB 3063 and ask you to do the same.

HB 3063 strips parents of the ability to act in the best interests of their children. HB 3063 is coercive in that it forces parents who do not believe that vaccines are the right choice for their child, to vaccinate or face expulsion from school.

I am not anti vaccine; however, the medical decisions I make for my child should only be between my pediatrician and myself. As a mother, I am the one who knows my children and their unique needs the best.

All parents and individuals must be given the choice to opt out of any and all medical procedures without being coerced or discriminated against for their decisions.

Many of my friends, single parents, working parents, and low income families, simply cannot afford to homeschool. HB 3063 effectively takes away their ability to do what they believe is best for their child, because they do not have other education options.

There is not, and never will be, a one size fits all medical solution for every child. Which is why the the permission granted by a parent to a doctor for treatment, with the full knowledge of the possible risks and benefits, is a right that must remain firmly with the parents.

I ask the committee to halt this violation of parental rights, and to oppose HB 3063.

Thank you,

Rebekah Chiew