

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I vehemently oppose HB 3063, as I do not believe a child should be excluded from attending school in Oregon due to vaccine status, whether based on religious or philosophical reasons. Oregon has a very high vaccination rate currently, and non-vaccinated children can go “anywhere else” in our communities right now (i.e. Moda Center, shopping malls, grocery stores, etc), so why exclude them from educational environments of any kind? Will we be screening kids for vaccinations before they enter any public place if this bill passes? What about immunity that “wears off” after a period of years, vaccine titers, etc?

I feel parents have the right to make medical decisions for their children until the age of 18, and know their own child’s health and risk factors better than any legislative authority. Would I ask a parent or pediatrician to write a law that balances Oregon’s multi-billion dollar budget? No, because those people are not qualified to do so. The same logic applies in this situation, and I feel passing this law is a very reactionary solution to both media hype and lobbyists for certain “interests”. What about our child’s interests and the right of parents to be the primary decision makers to protect their own child’s health and well-being?

Please vote NO on HB 3063!

Sincerely,

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