

Hello. My name is Stephanie Farrell and I am a resident of Oregon. Today I urge you Oppose HB 3063. After reviewing the contents of this bill I see it discriminates against Oregonians who value the right to make medical choices for their families. This bill will coerce these families to follow a certain vaccine schedule or face exclusion from schools or daycares. Many parents just want to space out their kids vaccinations for health reasons. Most of us are not avoiding all vaccines. Based on Oregon Health Authority data in 2014, of the 7.5% of kindergarteners who filed vaccine exemptions, the majority of the kids, 65% of them (4.9% of the 7.5%) were partially vaccinated and file for vaccine exemption opting out of ONE or more of the scheduled vaccines until they were ready. I am aware of the recent measles outbreak and Oregon continues to have high MMR vaccination rates across all counties. Many of us are highly educated people who are thinking deeply about how to protect the health of our kids and our community. House Bill 3063 violates our basic human rights for the freedom of self governing which is a foundation of democracy that I urge you to protect for Oregonians. Thank you.