

Hello, my name is Lark Staples and I live in Cave Junction, Oregon. I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3063. I believe that this bill is wrong to try and mandate vaccinations for children attending school. Even the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons is against vaccine mandates, they released this statement "Governmental preemption of patients' or parents' decisions about accepting drugs or other medical interventions is a serious intrusion into individual liberty, autonomy, and parental decisions about child-rearing." This is from testimony sent to the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, House Energy and Commerce Committee on February 26, 2019. I have the right to make choices about my sons health, and he and 31,000 + other children in Oregon who are not fully vaccinated deserve the right to schooling. The fiscal effect of this bill would mean millions of dollars of less money for public schools, as each child brings around 12,000 of funding. This bill allows for not only the mandated vaccines right now but also allows for any other vaccine currently on development to be added to the list. How can we feel comfortable about a future vaccine that has not even be decided upon yet? I am 36 years old and have received only tetanus shots, once as a child and once 5 years ago upon injury. I attended the local schools in Cave Junction and thrived there. I was associated student body president of my high school as well as valedictorian, and I would have never had those chances were this bill in effect. I want my son to be able to participate in his community and I will never inject him with vaccines. Please consider my testimony and vote no on hb 3063,

Thank you,
Lark Staples