To Whom it May Concern,

I am a parent that would be directly impacted by HB 3063. I am a constituent, a Democrat, a voter, a college graduate and a mother who is passionate about protecting the health of my family.

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB 3063.

There is no reason to restrict the rights of parents to choose the health decisions that best fit their family. Oregon already has a vaccination rate of 94-95% for the 7 vaccines surveyed by the CDC. The existing philosophical and religious exemption has not decreased rates and must be left intact. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6640a3.htm

Vaccines do not come without risks. We parents have to weigh the risks and benefits of any medical treatment our child receives and make the choice ourselves. As recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court – and evidenced by the \$4 billion that has been paid by the federal government to victims – vaccines can injure and kill an individual. Vaccine package inserts warn of the risk of brain damage, life-threatening allergy, and death. No one knows in advance whom a vaccine will harm. Vaccine ingredients vary, but may contain a variety of toxic ingredients including but not limited to; mercury, aluminum, formaldehyde, cells from fetuses, cells from monkey kidneys, chicken egg proteins, gelatin, and viruses. http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm

The idea that unvaccinated individuals pose a health risk to others is unsupported in the medical literature. In fact, vaccinated individuals can pose greater risk to public health due to a process known as shedding. Scientific evidence demonstrates that individuals vaccinated with live virus vaccines such as MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), rotavirus, chicken pox, shingles and influenza can shed the virus for many weeks or months afterwards. https://www.westonaprice.org/studies-show-that-vaccinated-individuals-spread-disease/

Personal and religious freedoms must be protected. Forcing parents to choose between education and vaccinating their children with numerous vaccines is simply wrong. This legislation discriminates against families with sincere philosophical or religious beliefs opposing the administration of one or more vaccines to their children.

I am very passionate about this issue, and urge you to protect my parental rights to make this important decision about vaccines for my family myself. It is not your place to dictate this decision for me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Davis