

In 2016, California passed SB-277, which eliminated parental choice and disenfranchised thousands of families who either had to leave the state or pull their children out of school. Since then, Oregon has welcomed unvaccinated, partially and fully vaccinated Californians because that's who we are in Oregon: We are independent thinkers, descendants of pioneers. And we welcome people, we don't EXCLUDE them.

Families who have consciously altered or opted out of the CDC vaccination schedule simply will not comply with vaccine mandates. The proposed bill is not something that Oregonians want or need. The Oregon educational system is already suffering. Does this committee truly want to deprive Oregon public schools of up to 500 million dollars in revenue by approving this bill?

There has not been a single case of measles spread in any public or private school in Oregon. There is no state of emergency as far as vaccine-preventable diseases are concerned. We can and should trust parents to work with their physicians to make healthcare decisions based on their families' individualized medical needs.

On a personal note, my husband and I are both full-time working professionals, seasoned in our careers. Our concerns about vaccines are not based on misleading ideologies or lifestyle trends, but as a direct result of the severe adverse reactions I personally suffered from my own vaccine schedule as a child. I am unwilling to subject my child to the same harm I experienced as a toddler.

If this law goes into effect, my husband or I will be forced to quit our jobs to see to our child's educational needs, resulting in a substantial loss of income for our family and loss of income tax dollars to Oregon. Now multiply that fiscal loss 31,000 times. Oregon simply cannot afford this mandate. Not the state. Not its citizens. I urge you to vote no on HB 3063. Thank you for adding my testimony to the enormous pile of opposition you have received on this terrible bill.