

Dear Health Care Committee members,

I am writing you today to ask that you oppose HB3063 which would eliminate all non-medical vaccine exemptions for children attending public and private schools in Oregon. The impact this bill would have on our school system and over 31,000 students would be major. If this bill passes many parents could potentially pull their children from our school system to either home school or move to a new state, which could result in up to a \$4 million dollar loss in school funding. My husband and I would be one set of those parents to move out of Oregon taking our tax money away from this great state I have called home my entire life.

Our own federal government has deemed vaccines to be unavoidably unsafe. My children are at a much higher risk of vaccine reactions due to genetic predispositions. Aside from their genetics, my oldest child is allergic to the penicillin family of antibiotics along with azithromycin. The only antibiotics he can receive are sulfur based ones to treat illnesses such as strep. The impact an antibiotic containing vaccine could have on my son is potentially deadly. My daughter, while not allergic to egg whites, is extremely intolerant to them, along with gluten and gliadin, which is found in a variety of even gluten free foods. She is also intolerant to whey, cow's milk and soy. Any vaccine grown using chicken embryos could cause devastating effects to her health. Vaccinating them can be compared to playing a game of Russian roulette but with their health. My husband and I as parents, along with our children's doctor, are making the best decision for their health we possibly can and we are not willing to take that risk with our children's lives and health. If one of our children is injured by a vaccine there is very little recourse for us to pursue other than the vaccine injury compensation program and even then it would be a fight to prove the damage as so many want to deny that vaccines are just as capable of causing death as the diseases themselves. With the current medical exemption requirements it would be next to impossible to get a medical exemption for my children without an extreme or deadly reaction to EACH VACCINE, as a reaction to just one would only make them eligible for an exemption to that single vaccine that they reacted to. What if this was YOUR CHILD, would you risk it just so they could get the free education they are entitled to? I'm sure your answer would be no. There is no one size fits all when it comes to health care as every human is, at the very least, slightly genetically different and vaccines should be treated no differently than any other aspect of healthcare.

OHA reports that the vaccination rates across Oregon remain high. 7.5% of kindergarteners file an exemption form, meaning they could simply be exempt from ONE vaccine and not ALL vaccines. Only 2.6% of students in K-12 are 100% UNVACCINATED so that means of the people who filed an exemption, 66% of them partially vaccinated their kids. (Because only 2.6% of the 7.5% of exemptions did no vaccines, that means $4.9/7.5=65\%$). Exemption rates go up naturally over time as a new vaccine is added to the schedule; parents are opting out until they are ready.

I strongly urge you to please vote against House Bill 3063.

Thank you for your time,

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A concerned Keizer, Oregon parent