

My name is Terese Nordvi of Tigard, OR 97223.

I strongly oppose bill HB 3063.

I also have the desire to protect children, but this bill is the wrong way to do that. Parents are opting out of vaccines because they have concerns about the safety of the vaccine program. You don't solve this problem with forced vaccination - which will only push parents further away. You solve it by LISTENING to the concerns and addressing those concerns.

Stop repeating, "Vaccines are safe; Reactions are extremely rare." That is a disservice to the many families living with vaccine damage and ignores the lack of studies using true placebos and the severe under-reporting of reactions. Instead, push for change. Use the power you have to address the concerns. Take vaccine reactions seriously. Disallow those with a conflict of interest from serving on the ACIP committee. Make VAERS reporting mandatory. End the cozy relationship between the FDA, CDC, and pharmaceutical companies. Eliminate vaccine monopolies and legal protection so there is a true incentive to improve vaccine safety. Fix these problems and vaccines will sell themselves.

There has been a lot of discussion and concern here today regarding those who are immune-compromised. I am also concerned for the health of these individuals. Making sure everyone is vaccinated will not magically make the world safe for them. There are still countless other illnesses that they could catch, like C.diff, MRSA, colds, stomach viruses, pneumonia, etc. The immune-compromised will still need to be cautious in public, stay away from crowds, etc. It is unethical to demand that one child take a risk to attempt to protect another child. If we really want to help the immune-compromised, we'd improve the laws around sick leave so that parents can stay home when their child is sick rather than send them to school. Make it so that workers can stay home when they are ill, rather than expose the public. That would be more useful. Several vaccines are live-virus and can shed for several weeks, actually putting the immune-compromised at risk. Vaccines don't ensure their safety.

We keep being told about outbreaks and how vaccinating everyone will prevent them. Well, the recent measles "outbreak" is mostly in the vaccinated. We keep being told that 95% need to be vaccinated to achieve "herd immunity," but scientists change this bar all the time. Before we know it, they'll be saying we need 100%.

In closing, the decision should remain with those who have to live with the consequences. We know there are reactions - you've heard testimonies from families living with vaccine damage. Are you going to be there to take care of the kids that are injured by this bill? Are you going to be legally responsible for their care? Leave the decision with the parents who have to live with the consequences. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you.