

To the Oregon Legislature

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 3063.

All medical procedures, including vaccines, carry risk. Patients and parents should be allowed to evaluate those risks and decide for themselves what is appropriate for them and their family. In a letter to Congress, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) supports an individual's and parents' right to make medical decisions.

"AAPS believes that liberty rights are unalienable. Patients and parents have the right to refuse vaccination, although potentially contagious persons can be restricted in their movements (e.g. as with Ebola), as needed to protect others against a clear and present danger.

Unvaccinated persons with no exposure to a disease and no evidence of a disease are not a clear or present danger."

The state of Oregon has a high vaccination rate. According to OHA, children's vaccination rate for MMR is at 97%. That does not constitute an emergency! Of those who file an exemption, most reject only certain vaccines, such as the vaccine for Hepatitis, which is non-communicable.

This means these children do receive most of their vaccinations.

As new vaccines become available, there is concern about safety and long term affects. If vaccines become mandatory, these new untested vaccines will become unavoidable. Effectively, this makes the public guinea pigs.

The AAPS states, "The risk: benefit ratio varies with the frequency and severity of disease, vaccine safety, and individual patient factors.

These must be evaluated by patient and physician, not imposed by a government agency."

I urge you to vote no on HB 3063.

Thank you.

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