

Dear House Committee on Health Care,

I support HB 3063 and urge the committee to support the bill. My husband and I are expecting our first child in April. We will not be able to vaccinate our child against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) until she is 12 months old. From birth until 1 year of age, we need to rely on the vaccinations of others to keep our daughter safe from these preventable diseases. HB 3063 would help to increase the overall immunity level among children in Oregon, which would help to protect our child before she is able to receive the MMR vaccine.

With the recent outbreak in the Portland/Vancouver metro area, we are concerned that we will need to avoid public spaces with our newborn. As new parents, we don't want to have to worry about our baby dying or having health complications from a preventable disease like measles.

I urge you to support HB 3063 to help protect infants and other population groups that are not medically able to receive vaccinations - like my daughter. Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. I believe children should be required to have their vaccinations to enroll in public school unless they have a medical reason why they cannot receive the vaccination.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ashley Pierson