

Hello,

I am deeply concerned about HB 3063 and wanted to voice my opposition. I value education and do not believe this should be denied to any child regardless of their vaccination status. Parents ought to be able to make this determination without governmental coercion.

There are many reasons parents may choose not to vaccinate, delay, or partially vaccinate their children.

- Some children are at a much higher-risk for vaccination injury than others. This should be left to the parents and the child's doctor to assess the risks/benefits. There is no one-size fits all option when it comes to bodies - everyone responds differently and has a different make-up and risk factor.
- If there is a history of reactions or a sibling that has been vaccine injured, parents may choose to avoid some or all vaccinations in the future. Current medical exemptions are extremely hard to come by and usually only excuse that particular child from the particular vaccine that caused a reaction. It's unfair to force a child to become a human guinea pig before it is determined if they qualify for a medical exemption. In some cases, giving a vaccine to these children may result in permanent disabilities or death.
- Sometimes parents like to space out vaccinations. Just reading the vaccine inserts shows that there are indeed risks associated, and sometimes those risks can be minimized by spacing them further apart.
- Some parents object to certain vaccinations based on the vaccine contents - porcine and/or other animal parts, vaccines derived from aborted fetal cells, certain heavy metals that have not been established in their current quantities as being safe.

It is important that we uphold both religious and philosophical exemptions and allow people to determine what is best for themselves and their families. Mandating vaccines in order to receive education (paid for by all tax payers) without these exemptions in place takes away rights from citizens. I've lived in Oregon most of my life and would love for it to stay a free state.

Please represent me and vote NO on HB 3063.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.