

Greetings Representatives,

I realize this is a very heated topic lately in our state and in the nation, but one that should be dealt with carefully as the implications to what personal freedom-of-choice rights citizens have vrs what government is able to enforce are tremendous. While those in opposition are the minority, we live in a country where every conviction deserves a voice, and I appreciate you hearing us out.

While I am not against the concept of vaccines, I stand with thousand of Oregon parents who are deeply concerned about the toxic ingredients contained within vaccines (for starters, either formaldehyde or aluminium--or both--are present in at least 22 vaccines according to the ingredient list provided by the state of Oregon). I am attaching this so you can see for yourself. According to Wikipedia, " formaldehyde poses a significant danger to human health" and is a know carcinogen. Aluminum isn't much better, with all sources agreeing that there is no use for it within the body and that it "accumulates in the kidneys, brain, lungs, liver and thyroid where it competes with calcium for absorption and can affect skeletal mineralization. In infants, this can slow growth." It is also purported to be linked with causing Alzheimers.

It is completely unacceptable to expect parents to be forced to put 100% of these toxic ingredients in their children (without allowance for parental judgment regarding delayed or alternative schedules or refusal) against their better judgement or else be ostracized completely from any form of formal school system.

The numbers are clear that most parents who opt for delayed schedules eventually get their children caught up--causing no real risk to anyone else or the herd immunity. Only 2.6% have opted for no vaccines at all, and this is including those who are unable to get vaccinated due to medical reasons. This small percentage is not the giant threat the media is portraying it to be. If allowed to be kept within the school systems, there would be little to no opportunity for them to even be exposed to these diseases, and the other 97.4% are all vaccinated.

We need to continue to stand by our parents, as the progressive state we are, and not allow government to mandate parenting decisions which are obviously deeply held by those who opt out or delay vaccines. It is not out of ignorance that these parents make this choice. Every parent who requests an exemption is required to complete an informative course regarding vaccines. Personally, I think parents who do vaccinate should be required to take the same course so that they can be as informed as those who opt out.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our position and I hope that the outcome of this bill will take the minorities position into account as well.

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