

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I was very sad to learn about the HB 3063 bill that will be scheduled. I am a mother who once thought I could vaccinate my child. I took my son to his first immunization appointments. He was vaccinated and he had a reaction. I then decided to do an alternate schedule. I later started on his Hepatitis B vaccines and at that time he had another reaction. Since then I've had to educate myself on vaccines and determined that for my son, the risks outweigh the benefits. In addition, my son's father now has seizures and we feel that it might be due to the large amount of adult vaccines he received while in the military. Some evidence states that genetic makeup is a potential contributor to adverse reactions. If this is true, both my son, and his father, have been affected. More research needs to be done however.

I ask you to please review the following article, written by a Harvard Immunologist, as it might provide another perspective and additional information for you to consider:

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2017/harvard-immunologist-to-legislators-unvaccinated-children-pose-zero-risk-to-anyone/>

I strongly oppose HB 3063 and know that most parents will simply homeschool their children if it does go through. These are the parents who have seen their child or another's child or family member have adverse reactions. Although the percentage of reactions are small in comparison to our nation's population, these are still real consequences that parents fear. It makes sense that the majority of the nation has never met anyone who HAS had a reaction and therefore, they remain supportive of vaccines and do not understand why some choose not to vaccinate. I don't know anyone who'd continue giving their child something that would cause them to suffer and without any accountability, it's a very frightening avenue to go down. Why are the antivaxxers not afraid of the diseases? This is because they've researched each disease and have weighed out the pros and cons.

I ask you to please reconsider this bill. I feel that it will only force parents to homeschool and further complicate education in Oregon. Those who have vaccinated their children should not be threatened by the unvaccinated. If vaccines are effective, then the vaccinated should have no fears. The same antivaxxers are in the community, shopping at the same stores, going to parks, museums, and more! There are even adults in our community who are not vaccinated. How does isolating children from school help when we all cross paths with each other every day?? It really is nonsense to take the extra step to target children in our schools who are unvaccinated. Please take a moment to understand this perspective and reconsider this proposal.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Warmest regards,  
A proud Oregonian