

March 11, 2019

House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony Regarding HB 2220

To House Committee on Health Care,

My name is Marisa Kozak Ringe, I live in Tigard, Oregon and I strongly object to HB 2220.

A dentist has no knowledge of the individual's overall health, chronic ailments or recent illness, and so allowing a dentist to vaccinate individuals will result in MORE HARM to those individuals than good comes from increasing access points of the vaccines. Why should a dentist be allowed to treat for infectious diseases? This is irresponsible.

There is no emergency. We have had the same number of measles in the state of Oregon for 20 years. Nothing is threatening our safety.

Allowing anyone but a trained physician to administer vaccines has been linked to an increase in negative vaccine reactions. In 2016, "[Medical error—the third leading cause of death in the US](#)" estimated 251,454 deaths, based on 35,416,020 hospitalizations.

I believe this number of MEDICAL ERRORS will go up when dentists start practicing medicine that has nothing to do with teeth or their formal training.

A dentist likely won't even see the patient again for over a year, and will be unable to offer the kind of care required should there be a negative reaction. And if that negative reaction occurs? Is a dentist qualified to report such an event to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System? Will a dentist be able to recognize what is and isn't a negative reaction? The answer is no.

OUTSOURCING is a practice that only results in a lower quality of service. In EVERY industry.

It would be incredibly irresponsible to allow dentists to administer vaccinations.

I urge you to vote no on HB 2220

Sincerely
Marisa Kozak Ringe