

Testimony against HB 3036 Amendments

Chair Salinas and Health Care Committee,

The following is my understanding of these amendments:

-1 Appears to bring back religious exemptions

-2 Recommends vouchers for private/parochial and home schooling which is one way for some of our children to receive an education but there are families who are unable to homeschool, and these private school options are still out of reach of many families even with a voucher.

-10 Appears to restore the current rules for immunization and exemptions except mandates MMR vaccine. There is NO measles epidemic in Oregon. (Virtually all cases in Vancouver were in the Ukrainian church community. These people do not vaccinate for religious reasons.)

-13 Is completely ridiculous! How on earth are you going to monitor every child who enters every building that will be restricted under this proposed legislation?

“may not attend in person any school-related activities, events or meetings in which the child will share the same physical space as other individuals” I also have questions regarding why only Doctors under Oregon Medical Board or Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Why are Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants not included? Sections 11-13 make no sense! These will not go into effect until 2020 but this bill is still considered to be based on an emergency and needs to take effect on its passage!

I have several recommendations to include in an amendment:

* Expand who can write exemptions to include Advance Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants who can write prescriptions (education includes deciding upon medical history what is the most appropriate or inappropriate medication and also assesses contraindications)

* Expand reasons for medical exemptions to include all medical contraindications and cautions per the CDC and Vaccine Manufacturers Package Inserts. Should also include any further genetic issues found that relate to immune system dysfunction or problems with detoxification such as MTHFR.

* Online schools should be exempt from the vaccine rules since the students are not attending a brick and mortar school with other children. There must also be some attempt for these children to complete group activities necessary for them to complete their educational requirements.

* Unvaccinated children should be allowed to attend religious services in a building that also houses daycares and preschools. To not be able to attend church is ridiculous.

* Children should be allowed to finish the school year. (As myself and others have previously pointed out, there is no emergency in Oregon.)

* High school seniors should be allowed to graduate. For years our state education system has been working to increase our graduation rate. If HB 3063 passes without amendments there are many students who will be denied this great milestone. (Counterproductive to improving graduation rates)

* What about students on IEP's? I thought a free and appropriate education for these children was federally mandated in IDEA/FAPE. My grandson is on an IEP and is not vaccinated because his Uncle had a really severe vaccine injury and we still don't have any answer as to whether it might be genetic.

* We need protection for religious beliefs. Many of us have been appalled to find out that there are fetal cell debris from the aborted the babies upon whose cells vaccines are grown. We have a very diverse religious population here in Oregon. In several places a large portion of the children in a community will be exiting the public school system.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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