

Hello,

Personal story about my daughter below.

HB 3063 Amendment Proposal

1. Grandfather clause on all Personal Belief Exemptions until Dec 31, 2019.
2. Bill is effective Jan 1, 2020
3. Vaccine checkpoints occur for every child at Preschool, Kinder and 7th entry.
4. Medical exemptions shall be made at the full discretion of the child's attending physician and not restricted to the CDC contradictions. Exempt a child from vaccination when the child's physician concludes that there are circumstances, including but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend vaccination.
5. Religious exemptions be retained; the morality of being forced to use products that contain aborted fetal cells should never be mandated. Supreme Court has upheld "sincerely held religious beliefs" to the same scrutiny as any organized religion. The exemption does NOT require the signature of the clergy.
6. Students with Individual Education Programs(IEP/ISFP) are federally protected; therefore they are EXCLUDED from this bill.
7. Conditional enrollment for children needing to catch up on vaccines. A doctor can write a letter stating the child will be receiving the "needed" vaccines but on a spread out schedule safer for the child.

My almost 3-year-old is autistic, developmentally delayed. has sensory processing issues and deals with a lot. She has had no vaccinations because I was vaccine injured and am still disabled from it. IN my early 20's I got a Hep B vaccine in preparation to study in Africa. I passed out and convulsed and immediately following that had an onslaught of auto-immune issues. I was in the prime of my young 20's. Getting ready to train as a dance teacher. I was never able to go to Africa and I have been stifled and chronically ill since. Was I predisposed to auto-immune diseases? Likely. Did I bad reaction to a vaccine cause the auto-immune issues to bury me like a cascading avalanche, all of a sudden? Yes.

My daughter has auto-immune issues on both sides of her genetics and I commonly have awful reactions from medication. I am greatly concerned that, genetically, she is pre-disposed to neurological issues and I am not willing to play rush and roulette with her brain while she is so young. I had planne to get her vaccinated but she started missing milestones. She didn't crawl, she didn't walk until she was almost 2. She has been in early intervention since she was 17 months old. She has speech language therapy, occupational therapy, sees a PT and still struggles. I plan to get her vaccinated when she is older and can even communicate how she feels. Right now she can say 1-2 words at a time and has a few signs. She would not be able to even tell me if the vaccine caused a reaction that wasn't visible. She is learning to use an I pad to communicate. She has had allergic reactions to foods and her environment before.

She is on a special education plan and her developmental pediatrician has told us how important it is for her development to be in a calm, small group of her peers. She has been in pre-school all year and while she has had challenges we have also seen tremendous growth from her. The environment is NOT something I could provide simply homeschooling her. Her autism requires that she be in social/ community environments for learning. She is motivated to communicate when she is with peers. My daughter is a beautiful, funny, caring and empathetic little human who deserves education, and the best health and therapy that we can provide for her.

Community health is crucially important. So is the health of the individual. I understand that you are tasked with a very difficult job in deciding the future of so many Oregonians and also with the future of my own child. I understand that the Oregon vaccination rates are above herd immunity for almost all areas and most schools. Please. This bill is far too narrow. Oregon can continue to support education and accessibility to vaccines without taking away my child's right to an education and also her right to not be forcibly vaccinated with substances that (based on her family history and current health issues) may cause her great damage. My daughter, despite her serious family history and health issues would not be eligible for a medical exemption in Oregon as it stands. This is an issue that needs to be addressed as well. I know this is a hard decision but this bill is not the right bill for Oregon.





Please vote no.

Thank you.

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Extremely concerned advocate mother