

Good afternoon;

As your committee meets on HB 3063, we urge you to approve this bill out of committee and vote for it when it reaches the floor. Our reasons are logical, and any reasoning against the bill are illogical and are a denial of science and progress. In a timely way, a succinct article appears in Newsweek today, and here is a link:

**"Newsweek: 9 Anti-Vaxxer Myths Debunked" by Eve Watling,
February 28, 2019**

<https://www.newsweek.com/vaccination-anti-vax-myths-debunked-truth-1342856>

In our time, we have eliminated smallpox and nearly eliminated measles (which kills 1 in 500 measles victims of the anti-vaccination population). Ironically, measles has mushroomed because children are not vaccinated; this is obviously avoidable, and the parents who are making these choices now have no idea about the lengths that their parents and grandparents went through years ago to avoid contagion; many witnessed serious complications or deaths because of these and other diseases. The prospects of a return of polio, diphtheria, whooping cough and other preventable diseases because of this minority science-denier group is rather terrifying. As their numbers grow, the negative consequences will grow geometrically rather than arithmetically. You can counter this consequence with your actions.

Oregon, proud of its progressive actions, should not be at the top of non-vaccination lists, instead of at the very bottom.

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