

Dear members of the Healthcare Committee,

Just one quick thought before today's work session;

Our family lives in rural eastern Oregon (La Grande) and were just informed today that our school district will be taking over the Driver's Education classes in our area. It is the only class offered within a 50 mile radius of here. This means that if this bill should go through, my partially vaccinated 15 year old will be unable to attend Driver's Education. The consequence of that would be that we would not be able to afford to insure our daughter under our automobile insurance and she would be unable to obtain her driver's license and transport herself to and from a job. She also would not get adequate driving practice to insure that she is a safe and smart driver for life. I've enclosed a picture of her. She is an outstanding young lady and student and she deserves better. We are trying to raise our three children to be competent, smart, productive contributors of society.

This is merely one example of many unintended consequences I have discovered in regards to this poorly thought-out and discriminatory bill. I realize we are all trying to look out for the best interest of all children in Oregon, but this is not the correct way to go about it. Please stop the madness and vote no on HB 3063 today. Support equal educational opportunities for ALL of Oregon's students. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul and Rebecca Elliott
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