

Dear Oregon State Health Committee Members

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB3063.

I am a physician in Portland and believe strongly in science AND the right to govern our own bodies. Vaccinations are not proven to be safe. How can we force families to inject their children with more vaccines than ever without knowing they are safe and deny those who don't a right to education? Our bodies are our own property. Please leave this decision in the hands of parents and families who know what is best for their children.

There are NO studies that demonstrate that vaccines are safe. Our immune systems are not designed to process diseases that are injected directly into our bloodstream. All other illnesses we would contact via our nasal passages or mouth and our general immune system would have the opportunity to mount a response prior to our specific immunity is able to generate antibodies. How can you feel good about forcing families to inject their children with aluminum (a neurotoxin), formaldehyde (a known carcinogen), antibiotics, monkey kidney cells and other animal DNA products with unknown viruses of their own.

Additionally, there ARE studies, including one run by the CDC that demonstrates an increased incidence of autism in African Americans from the MMR vaccine. I have personally seen multiple children who have been injured by vaccinations. Autoimmunity, allergies, and asthma are at an all time high in children today. We have to question why that is happening when the number of vaccines a child receives today is more than ever.

This is a very personal issue and one that deserves better studies and proven safety. Our government should not have the right to make these health decisions for our children in Oregon, nor should our government be able to demand what we do with our bodies.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the health of our citizens,

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