

Good Afternoon,

My name is Brittany and I am an Oregon resident and a mother to three children. I am writing today in regards to HB3063.

My boys receive some of the vaccines on the current schedule. I do not consider myself to be “anti-vaccines” but I believe in a parent’s right to make an educated decision.

Contrary to popular belief, a fear of autism is not always or exclusively the driving factor of a parent’s concern about vaccines.

In my experience it is more often:

-The fact that vaccines are not evaluated for carcinogenicity (despite containing carcinogens.) Meantime, childhood cancers are on the rise. This needs to be studied. Not just in relation to childhood cancers, but cancers in general.

-The fact that all of our top vaccines manufacturers have been involved in lawsuits, and paid out large amounts of money for falsifying data, inaccurately reporting side effects of their medications, etc. and if these companies cannot be trusted to report honestly on their medications and in some cases, vaccines. Why should they be limitlessly trusted when it comes to injecting our children? (Not to mention of a child DOES have a serious reaction to a vaccine, said companies cannot be held liable.)

-There is no comprehensive study in existence that compares the health of the vaccines vs. the health of the unvaccinated.

-Certain vaccines are proving to be less effective than originally expected (The pertussis component of the Dtap, for example. We are seeing pertussis outbreaks amongst the vaccinated, due to waning efficacy of the vaccine.)

I believe that an education is a human right. Some parents are simply not equipped to homeschool their children-nor should they be coerced into doing so.

Many parents feel strongly about this and for parents that have chosen not to homeschool-I assume they did so for a reason-and while homeschooling can be a really wonderful option for parents who are able and desire to do so, it could be harmful to their child’s education and family structure if they homeschool because they feel like they have to choose between what they see as “their child’s health vs public school”. For example, a parent who also has to work could have great difficulty simultaneously trying to provide an education to their children.

Vaccines come with a long list of possible side effects-among those side effects is the risk of a deadly vaccine reaction. Something that comes with such risks should also come with a choice-and a solid understanding of the benefits and risks.

In closing, I am writing hopefully that you will oppose this bill. Perhaps in the future, Oregon could introduce a bill with greater emphasis on parental education regarding vaccines (a class or something of the sort, taught by professionals who can answer questions. The current opt-out vaccine module is really basic and does not address most of the concerns that parents have.) From my understanding, both doctors and legislators are concerned that there is widespread misinformation circulating and if that is the case, a statewide effort to address this and improve education in the topic may be beneficial.

Thank you for your time.
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