

Hello my name is Kelly B Gamache, I have a BS in Biology and have worked in the veterinary field for 16+years. I would very much like to have an amendment considered for the bill HB3063 that includes a directive for the Oregon Health Authority to report yearly upon the incidence of the diseases that are being required in order to attend public school or any University within Oregon. The report should clearly indicate the county that the disease was diagnosed in, and the year of onset. The report must also disclose the vaccination status of the individuals who were affected by the disease. There shall be a column indicating number of diseased that were vaccinated and there shall be a column indicating the number of diseased that were unvaccinated. Currently California Department of Public Health has put out their numbers for the 2018 Pertussis season only. I propose that Oregon Health Authority publish a report in similar fashion to California but it should include the incidence of every disease children must be vaccinated against (as opposed to ONLY Pertussis) and it should indicate disease found in the vaccinated population and disease found in the unvaccinated population.

Putting a regular report out that shows the incidence of disease in the population of School children and whether they were vaccinated or unvaccinated will help create more clear, unbiased information as to which vaccinations are actually the most effective so the Oregon Health Authority can make a more informed decision as to the actual effectiveness of every vaccine. Its important that Oregon collects its own data of vaccination use and effectiveness as opposed to only using information gathered by the vaccine manufacturer.

I am attaching California's recent reports here. They show me that removing parental rights in July 2016 (removing philosophical and religious exemptions) did not decrease Pertussis rate. IN fact, Pertussis rates increased the first year they mandated vaccinations and increased further in 2018. Please see the report and please consider collecting more data for Oregon's current vaccination rate before considering any legislation that takes away the checks and balances in place to protect Oregon's Children.

Thank You,
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