

Subject: Testimony on SB 895-2

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Dear Senate committee,

I'm writing today in opposition to SB 895-2.

I find this bill very confusing and also it looks to be a violation of right to privacy. I see this as a waste of resources. I do not see the purpose of having exemptions percentages made public for each school. Nor do I see the point of forcing a parent to visit a doctor when there is already an education module in place.

It has already been established that vaccine exemption rates are misleading. For example, my children have most of their vaccinations. They are vaccinated against the most contagious diseases. Yet we still have to file exemptions because they do not have every single vaccine recommended by the CDC. This bill looks to be a sort of witch hunt against those that go against the status quo and serves no other purpose other than to burden parents further and pressure them to have their children get every single vaccine the CDC thinks they should have. There is no public health threat and quite frankly this bill is a waste of valuable resources.

There is already a vaccine module in place. It has only been in place for one year. How much resources were spent on that? And yet we're ready to scrap that and require parents to go to a doctor for a permission slip? It defies reason and logic that the writer of this bill is so invested in this. I'd prefer my tax money to be used on other more pertinent issues. Schools do not need to be burdened with exemption rates statuses and parents shouldn't be burdened with yet another doctor visit on a decision they're perfectly well equipped enough to make on their own. Most likely the conversation with their doctor has already taken place and parents decided from their how they wish to proceed on a medical procedure that carries risks of injury and/or death. Most parents that have filed exemption forms have vaccinated their children on a delayed or selected schedule. There is absolutely no data to suggest they are a public health threat that would warrant such an invasion of privacy.

Thank you for your time.

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