

I'm writing to tell you that I oppose HB3063. I'm very concerned about this bill as it would infringe on my family's right to medical freedom. We have already been ejected from our pediatrician's office for being unwilling to vaccinate according to their exact schedule. This has already been a hardship for our family and made finding healthcare more cost prohibitive as many doctor offices in the area have adopted this practice.

My reasons are many for opposing mandatory vaccination, but especially in my family, we face a lot of autoimmune diseases. A bill like this would force me to remove my child from school where she is thriving. Vaccination is not a one size fits all "solution" just as medical treatment is not a one size fits all situation.

Only 2.7% of Oregon schoolchildren currently hold a philosophical or religious exemption, meaning there is no true "emergency" here. There are many reasons parents use exemptions. Some are opting out of particular ones, some are on an alternate vaccine schedule, some may hold religious beliefs that prohibit vaccines.

A law like this would have a huge negative impact on a lot of families including an impact on the education of many children who would have to be homeschooled. Many households now need both parents working and a private healthcare choice shouldn't be what stands in the way of families earning the money they need.

Sincerely,

Sarah Clews