

Representatives:

I am writing today in opposition to HB 3063. I ask you to consider that mandating vaccinations violates the medical ethic of informed consent. All medications carry a risk of adverse reaction. Why would vaccines be different?

The CDC has information on accepted contraindications for vaccination, including “severe allergic reaction after a previous dose” and “encephalopathy.” In the state of Oregon, this list is what physicians are allowed to use for signing a medical exemption. What about the folks who are at risk for a severe allergic reaction or to experience encephalopathy to the first dose? They aren’t covered.

People have medical and science-based concerns about the safety of vaccinations. These concerns currently falls under personal belief exemption in the state of Oregon. Maintaining the personal belief exemption to mandated vaccination is critical in protecting the right to informed consent.

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