

PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 3063.

I am a registered voter in the State of Oregon, in the City of Salem. I graduated with a Bachelors from Willamette University and a Masters from Oregon State University. I have called Oregon my home for the better part of 25 years.

Thank you for your work on behalf of your constituents.

I AM PRO-VACCINE...PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 3063.

I support the concerns for those vulnerable who cannot be vaccinated. I am aware of a recent rise in concern after some people in Clark County got Measles, and 4 people caught them in Oregon.^[1]

I am thankful for the huge decrease in many contagious diseases, which I do attribute to vaccination.

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In Oregon, most school-age children are fully vaccinated. A VERY few are on a delayed schedule or have received some vaccines, but not all. A minute percentage have refused completely, either through a medical or other exemption.^[2]

There are already rules in place to exclude non-vaccinated children from school should there be an outbreak, for the duration of the concern.

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America is based on a belief in freedom, and has long upheld the right of every child to an education. While there are people who refuse vaccines for other reasons, the fact that HB 3063 removes the religious exemption DENIES CHILDREN THE RIGHT TO ALL FORMAL EDUCATION BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE in the state of Oregon BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGION, if receiving a specific vaccination that is mandated is against their religious beliefs. The way it is currently written, they would not even be able to "attend" an exclusively online school.

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My personal example is this. We do not eat unclean foods. (Along the lines of kosher.) This is part of our religious beliefs. We do not consume things that come from unclean animals, either by eating, or injecting them in our bodies with a syringe. Many of the vaccines are fine, and we have received those. But some are not. Some contain porcine gelatin, some contain monkey kidney cells, etc.^[3] As a response to concerns, some manufacturers are working to make vaccines available that do not contain these ingredients, but they are not available for all yet.

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Sincerely,
Rachel Regan

[1] <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/measles.aspx>

[2]

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINES/IMMUNIZATION/GETTINGIMMUNIZED/Pages/SchDataCounty.aspx>

[3] <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf>