

I am a 63-year-old resident of Corvallis, Oregon, and I am against HB 6063. I believe that this is a bad bill because I think it will do more harm than good. This bill is being driven by an overblown fear of the measles, which is already well controlled in Oregon. It is based on several unexamined assumptions:

1. The assumption that Oregon's vaccination rates are inadequate;
2. The assumption that vaccination rates in Oregon will significantly increase as a result of enactment;
3. The assumption that infectious diseases are more dangerous to the general public than the vaccines designed to prevent them;
4. The assumption that vaccinated people don't spread disease, often at greater rates than the unvaccinated;
5. The assumption that disease outbreaks are exclusively the fault of people who don't vaccinate rather than attributable in large part to vaccine failure, inadequate nutrition, and bad self-care.

I think this bill is wrong-headed, misinformed, punitive, and badly thought-out. Please do not pass it out of committee.

Thank you,

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