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Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am not favor of passing HB 3063 at this time. Please vote NO to executing this fast-tracked bill and postpone the resulting emergency actions until all the facts on the issue can be heard, thoroughly examined, and evaluated under less pressure to act.

I don't doubt that the legislature's intent is to do the best thing for Oregon. That said, two truisms apply here: "What we focus on determines what we miss," and "We don't know what we don't know."

In this case, the focus of the legislature is on solving a longer-term situation with an emergency measure that has been amplified in importance by a recent rash of illnesses. The compelling sense of urgency to help is strong, and the focus on how to do that is solely the vision of the bill as it stands now. We all know the conventional recommendations surrounding the vaccination question, but "we won't know what we don't know" until more time is spent in discovery and discourse. What other information, options, and/or possibilities exist that might be a bigger win for Oregon residents than the option already proposed?

HB 3063 has the potential to AFFECT and EFFECT State of Oregon residents' health for years to come. As it stands now, the bill feels reactive, rushed, heavy handed, and narrow in terms of looking for (or even allowing time to consider) alternative options to the complicated juxtaposition between public health and personal choice. I urge you to slow down, allow time for full disclosure on every aspect of the issue, have the public discourse, listen to alternatives, and then take prudent steps forward. What a respectful thing to offer the Oregon residents who feel passionate on this issue. Surely, Oregon will be better for it.

I have cited links to earlier testimonies that adequately outline concerns I hold. I have also attached links to articles about a couple other bills in other states that are exploring other ways to address the same issue. These articles helped expand my own thinking beyond the mental paradigms of either/or. black/white, all in/all out. Maybe they will expand your thinking, too.

Additional concerns have to do with informed consent and clarifying manufacturer indemnity and product liability recourse for physical or mental issues that can result from inferior, miss-produced, or mishandled vaccines, which most likely are produced by contracted third parties, and, as such, are not under the direct quality control and scrutiny of the manufacturer.

A discussion about who is currently responsible for vaccine product liability/damages would be a good topic to review and clarify. Then the question becomes "Who is financially liable when vaccination is forced upon a person and vaccine related damage occurs?"

If the state has complete confidence in the safety and effectiveness of the scheduled vaccines, and confidence in the manufactures' chain-of-custody, shipping/storage, dispensing/frequency practices, then the state should be willing to include in the bill a financial accountability provision for the end users

of the vaccines that will cover any financial fallout that occurs from the state recommending and enforcing vaccines on people who don't want them. This, at least, would help families who find themselves dealing with any kind of damage that results from the order to comply with the vaccination schedule in order to keep their kids in school.

With sincere hopes that the great State of Oregon and its people can blaze an innovative trail to resolving this challenge.

Concerned Oregon Citizen,
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Reference 1 – Testimony #165007

Reference 2 – Testimony #165230

Reference 3 – <https://ktvq.com/cnn-health/2019/02/26/arizona-lawmakers-are-pushing-vaccine-exemption-bills/>

In conjunction with HB 3063, is the state willing to indemnify the vaccine manufactures and physicians, and assume the financial liability for negative vaccine effects and potential life-long damages to citizen and sanctuary immigrant families?

Reference 4 – <https://thevaccinereaction.org/2019/01/arizona-bill-proposes-full-disclosure-of-vaccine-ingredients-and-side-effects/> Interesting that the arguments against ingredient disclosure and informed consent are that "it will scare parents" and that they are basically too stupid to understand the information.