

Dear Representative,

My name is Lisa Cooper and I strongly oppose House Bill 3063

According to the Oregon Health Authority, in our state of just over 4 million people, only 4 people have contracted the measles disease. That is 0.0001% of the population. This bill is asking to declare a state of emergency over a disease that has affected less than one percent of the Oregon population. Should this bill pass it will affect 100% of Oregonians.

House Bill 3063 is discriminatory as well as predatory. In essence, this bill would remove parental rights and award it to the state to determine medical procedures for the children of Oregon. Vaccination is a medical procedure with known risks and severe adverse reactions. This is well documented by peer reviewed studies, doctors, scientists, the CDC and the vaccine manufacturers package inserts. However, the vaccine manufacturers and medical professionals who administer them are 100% free of liability of any resulting harm.

House Bill 3063 is damaging to the estimated 31,000 children who will be immediately expelled from school until caught up on required vaccinations. There is no plan in place for continuing education while students are expelled. Should a child need to catch up on vaccinations, they would need to be done in a manner that is safe for the child and this may require time to space them out. What if it takes several months or longer to catch up?

Will the committee consider that in the current economic climate that most Oregon families rely heavily on 2 household incomes to make ends meet? The situation is even more dire for families that have a single parent trying to make ends meet. As such, homeschooling may not be an option for these families.

Will the committee consider the impact this bill could have on funding for our public schools should the parents of these 31,000 students decide to homeschool and not risk the health of their children nor violate their religious or moral beliefs? This would be a massive loss of funding and a detriment to our communities. In the language of House Bill 3063, vaccinations would still be required for students doing online school. If the effort of the bill is to stop the spread of disease in schools, then mandating vaccines for children doing school online is completely unnecessary. As such, this bill reveals its true intentions of pushing pharmaceutical agendas and is not in the best interest of Oregonians.

House Bill 3063 would force parents into the impossible position of choosing between their child's education and what is best for their health or religious beliefs.

I respectfully ask that the committee uphold the rights Oregonians and vote no on House Bill 3063. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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