

To the Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my disapproval of HB 3063, and to call on all members of the House Health Care Committee to reject HB 3063. Public education is a RIGHT in the US, and should NOT be tied to any person's medical condition (or vaccine status), so long as that person is not actively contagious with a communicable disease.

Oregon Administrative Rule 333-019-0010 already stipulates that persons who are actively contagious with, or show symptoms of, a communicable disease, may not attend school. If necessary, this rule could be modified to explicitly include additional diseases; however, as vaccination levels are already extremely high in Oregon WITHOUT mandatory requirement (over 97% vaccination and over 92% complete vaccination), the state's compelling interest is not threatened by the very small percentage of parents who exercise our right to not vaccinate our children according to our personal child-rearing principles. Oregonians will NOT stand for this infringement on our parental rights.

I remind you that the US Supreme Court has consistently upheld the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of our children as a fundamental right guaranteed by the US Constitution and its amendments, and has furthermore indicated that the state must adhere to the 'compelling interest test' with the narrowest interpretation on the part of the state. HB 3063 does not pass this test. Please therefore conduct yourselves appropriately, and reject HB 3063 for further consideration.

Regards,
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