

Honorable Representatives of the State of Oregon
I am a physician, a parent, and an Oregon constituent.

HB 3063 is not about vaccination it is about removing the right to informed consent. If a citizen cannot say no about what happens to their body than consent no longer exists. Even if the intervention were 100% safe and free from risks it would be the wrong thing to do.

However vaccination is not a 100% safe medical procedure. There are risks and the CDC clearly states that on their own website. I attach a link here to the US Government Health Resources and Service Administration report which lists actual compensated cases for vaccine injuries.

<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/vaccinecompensation/vaccineinjurytable.pdf>

“Safe and Effective’ is not a scientific position nor is it accurate to say that vaccines are 100% safe. The CDC estimates that 1 in 1 million vaccinations will cause an adverse event. However, the US Dept of Health and Human Services research indicates that the voluntary reporting system of VAERS captures less than 1% of all vaccine adverse events. This suggests the rate of adverse effects is 1 in 10,000 vaccination events. I encourage you to make vaccine injure a mandatory reporting event.

US Dept of HHS study from the conclusions:

“Adverse events from drugs and vaccines are common, but underreported. Although 25% of ambulatory patients experience an adverse drug event, less than 0.3% of all adverse drug events and 1-13% of serious events are reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Likewise, fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported. Low reporting rates preclude or slow the identification of “problem” drugs and vaccines that endanger public health. New surveillance methods for drug and vaccine adverse effects are needed. Barriers to reporting include a lack of clinician awareness, uncertainty about when and what to report, as well as the burdens of reporting: reporting is not part of clinicians’ usual workflow, takes time, and is duplicative.”

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>

If our own institutions of government recognize that there are known and documented - but significantly under reported- risks of the intervention then by what right does it have to insist that citizens must take that intervention? And by what right does any legislator have to claim that these injuries are not real? While many are mild they are all real, they are not figments of imagination, and they include disability, anaphylaxis, and even death. That is documented by our own federal health authorities.

When outbreaks occur of vaccine modifiable diseases such as the recent measles outbreak we see that our current laws work. The outbreak was brief, primarily affected those who chose not to vaccinate, and thankfully did not lead to any loss of life. Behaviors can be modified such as quarantining to slow an outbreak. The same cannot be said of the unpredictable nature of adverse vaccination events especially if a one size fits all policy is mandated. More time and energy should work to make vaccine adverse events more predictable and thus reduce the concerns of vaccine hesitant parents. Unfortunately the repetition of the misinformation that they do not occur or are only minor and transient– which directly contradicts our own government health data – makes such a suggestion likely labeled ‘anti-vaccine’ when in reality it is simply pro safety and would increase vaccine uptake.

HB 3063 is bad for vaccines because it projects the image that coercion is necessary to convince the

populace to use them, it is bad for government because it is an overstep of the rights of Oregonians, and it is bad for the people who will lose the right to make health care decisions for their children.

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