

Dear Committee,

I am writing to oppose Bill 3063. I am concerned about this bill and wish to provide statistics and information from our own government websites. I also want you to understand that people who have vaccination hesitancy, have it because they used to vaccinate but had adverse effects after vaccination. Shouldn't you be listening to this group and helping to figure out what is wrong? Doing forced vaccination will just create even more distrust in the government and the medical community. I can't imagine how a doctor will present all the risks of injury and death of a vaccine (as required by law and by the Vaccine Injury Act) and then the patient must agree regardless.

Forced vaccination will not change the minds of this group of concerned citizens. Instead you will lose well educated citizens that either need to stay home to home school or will move somewhere else. You will also lose the taxes that would have gone to the schools with lower attendance rates.

The bigger issue, rather than forcing medical treatment, is to give this group a voice and believe their stories and do studies by neutral parties that are not sponsored by the pharmaceutical companies and government. I bring up neutrality because pharmaceutical companies and government have a history of not always doing the right thing. (ie. Flint, opioids, falsification of data, bribing, kickbacks, pharmaceutical donations to representatives, etc) There is a huge push right now to disregard, disbelieve, censor and demonize this group because we want someone to listen and protect our kids. We want something done to figure out the risk factors. Doctors cannot give medical exemptions to this group because there are no government and pharmaceutical "approved" studies that have been done to show the risk factors, even though there are tons of scientific studies and reviews available. This is one reason that philosophical exemption is used. This group of vulnerable population does not have government approved medical reasons for not continuing to vaccinate or skipping one particular vaccination. However, no one in government or pharmaceutical wants to do studies to figure out the vulnerable population. Instead, the government wants to cause further abuse of this group by forcing them to decide to further risk their child or lose education rights or leave our jobs, family, friends, schools, and communities to start a new life somewhere else.

Last month, a local doctor says he attempted to submit a potential measles sample to the health department and was refused because they said there have been no community transmissions from the measles outbreak. If the health department was so unconcerned that they refused the sample, why is this an emergency and why are such drastic measures being considered?

According to the CDC, "Parents, guardians, legal representatives, and adolescent and adult patients should be informed of the benefits and risks of vaccines in understandable language. Opportunity for questions should be provided before each vaccination. Discussion of the benefits and risks of vaccination is sound medical practice and is required by law." How can consent for medical treatment be given if there is no choice?

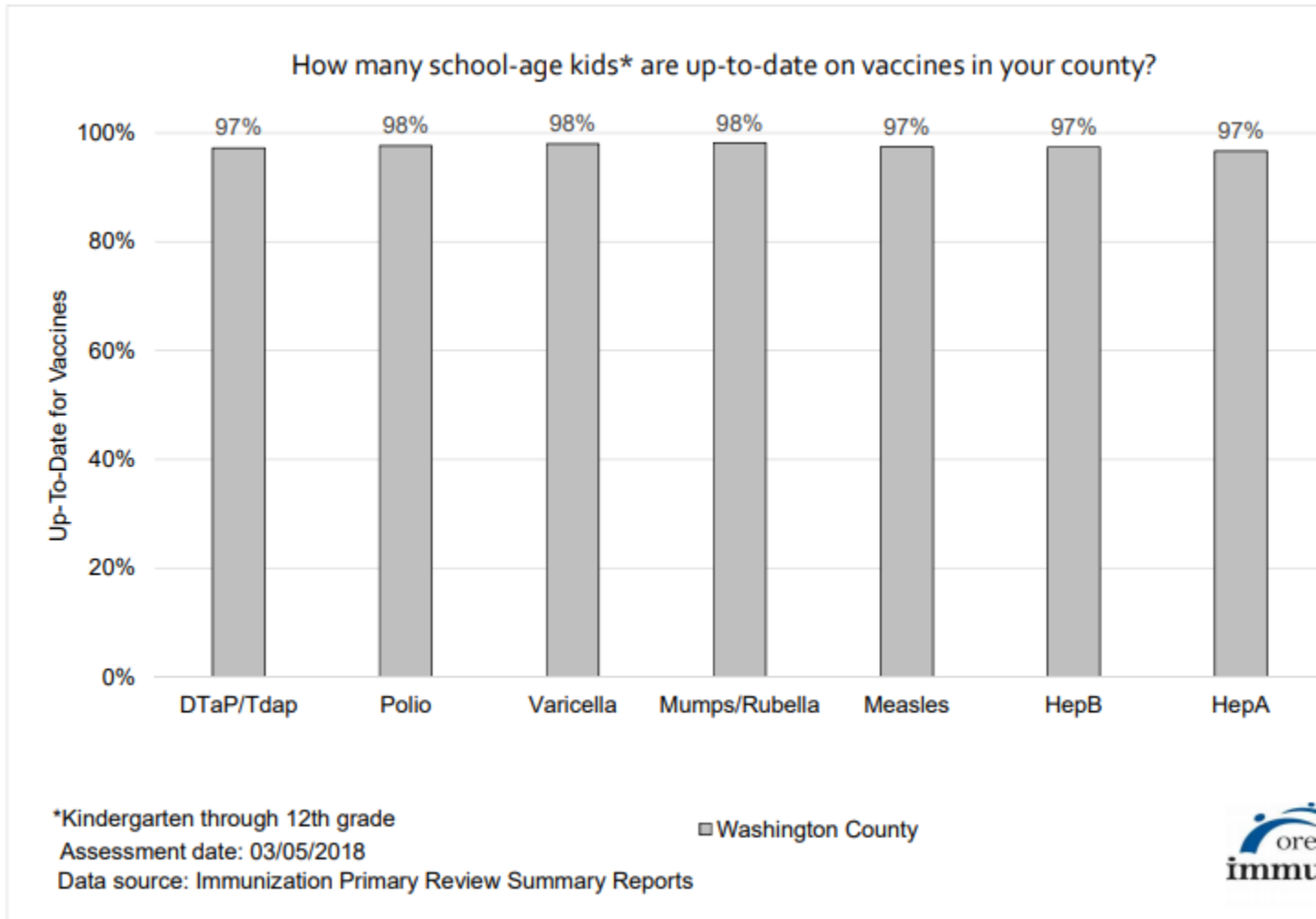
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/genrec.html>

The concern that brought this bill forward is the religious and philosophical exemptions and the concern that too many are not being vaccinating to maintain "herd immunity." I believe the testimony at the hearing was that it needed to be 95% for measles but less was required for other vaccine preventable diseases. Since the bill focuses on school age children, I have sought out and provided that information below.

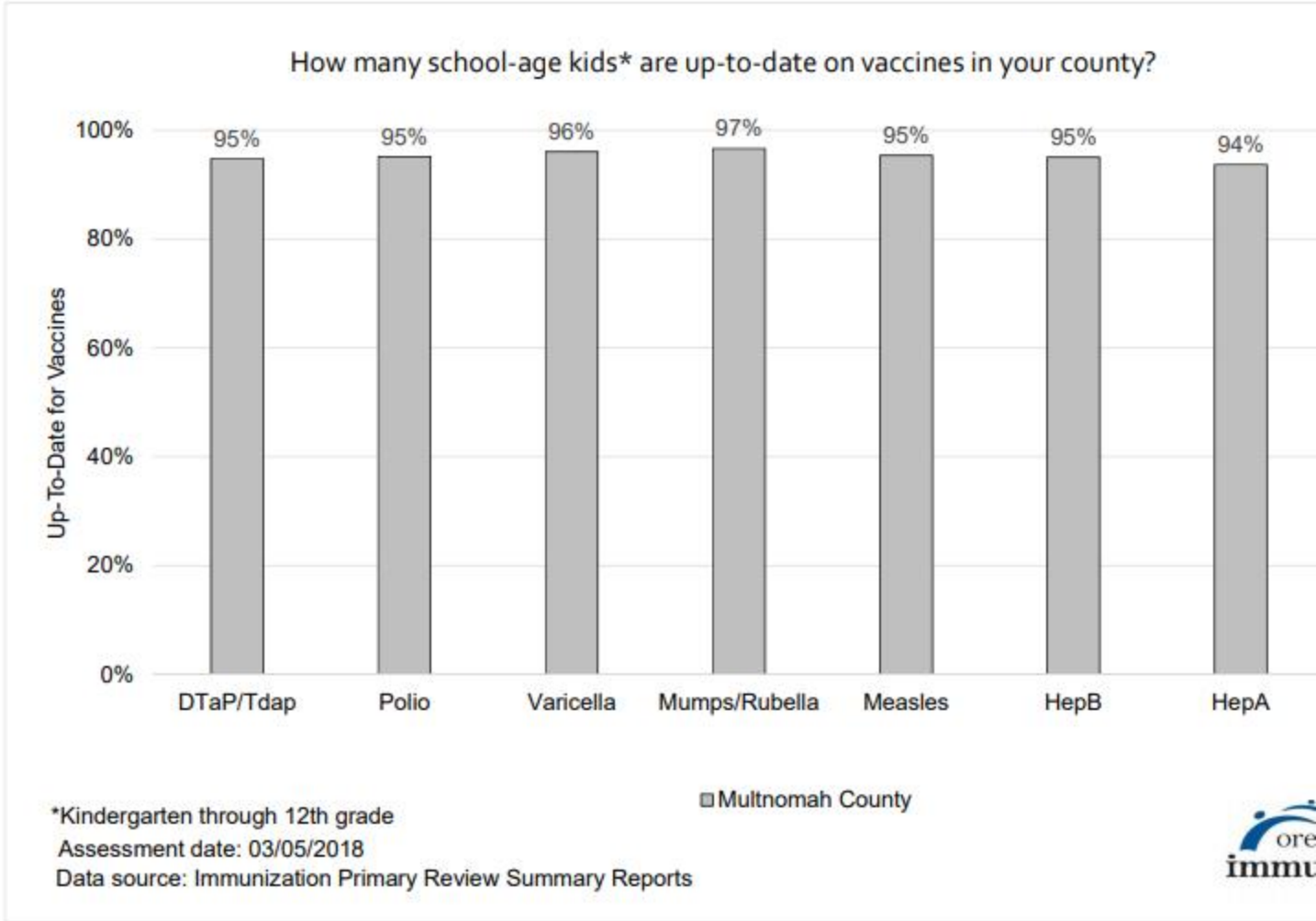
According to the Oregon Public Health Department as of 3/5/2018, school age children show that they meet this standard for "herd immunity." It appears that from this Oregon government website, we are already meeting or exceeding the desired goal while allowing religious and philosophical exemptions, in most counties in Oregon. This is very different than is being represented by those who support the bill. Yet it is from our own government website.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINES/IMMUNIZATION/GETTINGIMMUNIZED/Pages/SchDataCounty.aspx>

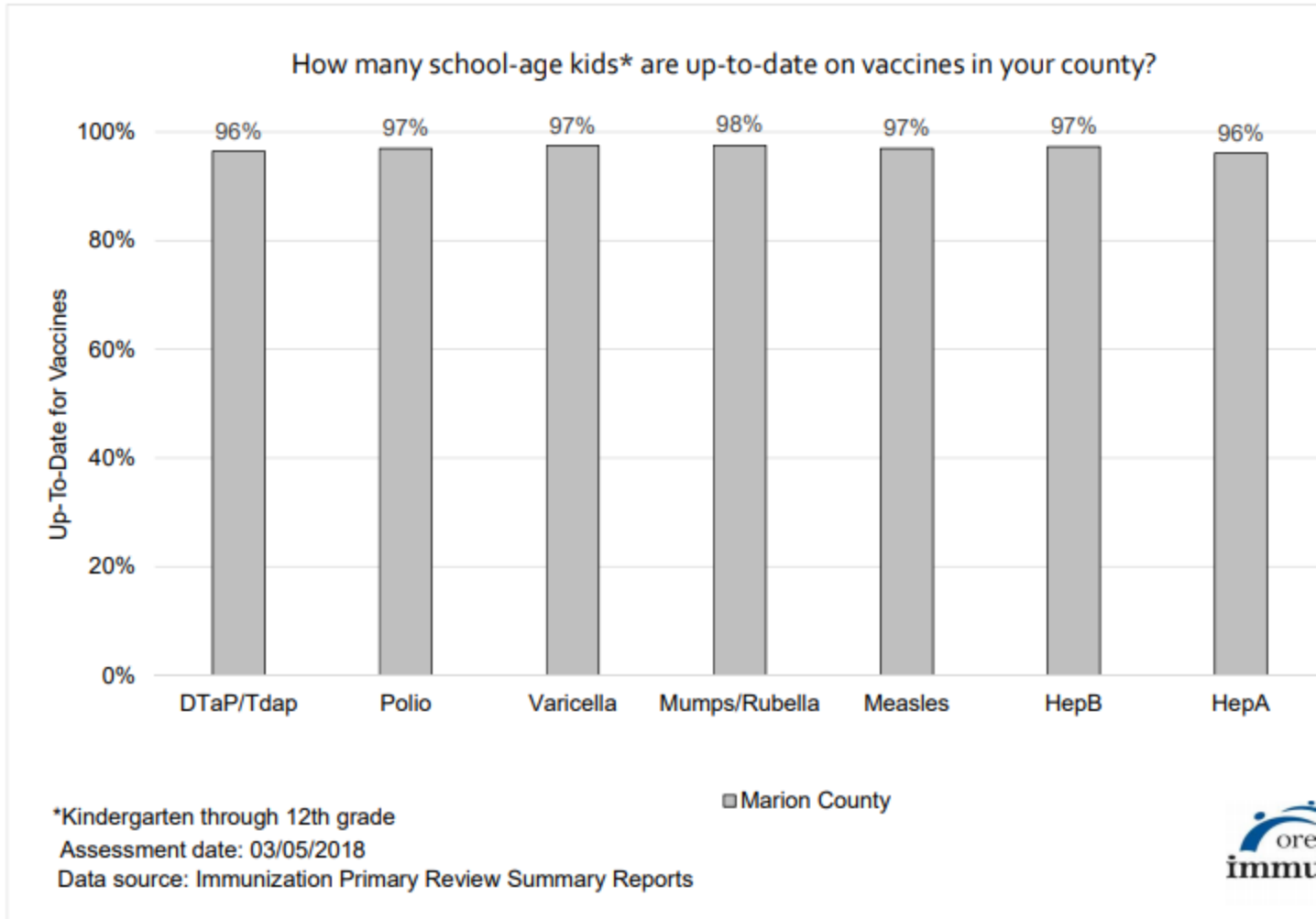
pg 3 shows vaccination rates for school age children K-12 for Washington County.



pg 3 shows vaccination rates for school age children K-12 for Multnomah County.



pg 3 shows vaccination rates for school age children K-12 for Marion County.



The most recent report on the history of the measles outbreaks in Oregon.  
[https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLE/DISEASE/SURVEILLANCE/STATISTICS/DOCUMENTS/2018/December\\_2018\\_Monthly.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/COMMUNICABLE/DISEASE/SURVEILLANCE/STATISTICS/DOCUMENTS/2018/December_2018_Monthly.pdf)

Reported Cases of Low Incident Notifiable Diseases or Conditions by Year in Oregon  
January-December

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Babesiosis	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	5	7	21
Botulism	0	1	3	6	4	1	3	3	4	4	29
Brucellosis	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	3	4	16
Chikungunya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	7
Dengue Fever	4	8	2	4	4	6	5	8	7	11	59
Ehrlichiosis	3	0	6	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	15
Encephalitis, SLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hantavirus pulmonary	2	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	14
Leishmaniasis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Leprosy	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Leptospirosis	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	6	13
Measles	0	0	3	1	6	5	1	0	0	5	21
Plague	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
Q fever	4	3	1	4	3	9	2	4	8	8	46
Relapsing Fever	3	0	0	3	1	4	3	3	0	2	19
Rocky Mtn Spotted fev	0	1	0	1	2	2	5	6	4	6	27
Rubella	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scrombroid	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	1	11
Taeniasis	50	3	5	5	2	3	3	3	2	3	79
Tick Paralysis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tularemia	1	3	5	0	3	4	6	4	2	8	36
Zika	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	9
Total	73	25	31	29	31	40	39	47	51	71	437

Whenever I make medical decisions for my children and myself, I carefully research and balance the risks and benefits to each person in my family. As a person concerned about the current aggressive vaccination schedule and the ingredients I will continue to support informed consent, parental rights, freedom of medical choice, and rights to education.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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