

Field Hearing.....Redmond, OR March 16, 2019 , Testimony for SB 257

My name is Loren Kellogg, Professor Emeritus OSU College of Forestry

Currently reside in Redmond Oregon,.... where my wife, son, daughter and I own and manage 2 LLC businesses that benefit tremendously from the OSU Statewides

1. Rocking Double K Ranch , a horse boarding, cattle and orchard grass business
2. Intermountain Wood Energy, a forest restoration and biomass utilization business

I'm here today to voice my full support for an increase of \$30 million in operational funding under SB 257 for the OSU Statewides.

On the Agricultural Side, our family simply could not have developed, or maintain, our ranch without assistance from Extension and the Ag Experiment Station. We have participated in numerous workshops and other events on topics ranging from pasture management, irrigation efficiency, food preservation, animal care, and how to manage all that compost created on a ranch. For the last several years we have been giving back to these programs through various donations and hosting of farm management workshops **with** the OSU Statewide Experts.

On the Forestry Side, you know the significance of catastrophic wildfire, smoke management, and the need for rebuilding forest resiliency and productivity for healthy and economically sustainable communities throughout Oregon. There is so much important work underway or proposed as new investments that apply expertise and advice generated by scientists and extension agents aimed at solving these significant forest management problems.

In the Central Oregon Forestry arena, I have served, and continue to serve various programs including the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project, the Central Oregon Forest Stewardship Foundation, the Deschutes Country Extension Advisory Board, several forestry outreach program committees and biomass utilization forums. I mention these programs as **examples** where I personally see and respect the significant leadership, the technical expertise and outreach by our colleagues in the OSU Statewide programs.

If my family, as a small landowner and business operator , are to continue meeting our current and future challenges with serious issues in agriculture (such as water management) and forestry (such as healthy forest management), we need the funding proposed in SB 257 to do that.

Of course this funding not only will benefit our family, but it will also provide the much needed support to maintain current programs and capacity where recent reductions have occurred; and to enable critical new investments to help build working landscapes, ecosystems and communities that will benefit Oregonians today , and our future generations.

Thank you for your time and interest in holding these field hearings .

March 15, 2019

Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Senator Bill Hansell, Member
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
State Capitol, Salem, Oregon

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Hansell, and Representative Rayfield:

I am writing today to express my support for Senate Bill 257.

As a fourth generation Oregon farmer and forester, I know first hand how important the OSU public service programs are to the economic well being of our state. Whether state of the art research led by the Agricultural Experiment Stations, new and innovative products developed by the Forest Research Laboratory, or education and public assistance provided by the Extension Service, these OSU Statewide Public Service Programs provide critical research and leadership designed to assist all Oregonians in growing and developing our economy and improving our quality of life.

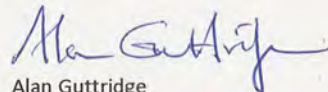
Over the last decade, these programs have faced a series of budget proposals that would close facilities and reduce personnel. And over this period, as a result of assistance and leadership from the legislature, these programs have largely benefitted from legislative funding that has filled the holes, and in 2015 enabled some modest new programs. Unfortunately, the Governor's proposal for the 2019-21 biennium includes no increased funding for these important OSU programs even though the budget figures provided by OSU indicate that state-mandated costs are increasing at 8 percent.

I appreciate the support you and your colleagues have provided over the years. I hope you recognize how important these programs are in helping the entire state try to overcome the vexing challenge of bridging the economic divide between urban and rural Oregon. With the help and support of a wide variety of interest groups and stakeholders, the OSU Board of Trustees developed and approved a comprehensive proposal to add \$30 million in new and recovery programs aimed at making continued progress toward economic prosperity in every corner of the state.

The \$30 million package for these OSU programs is incorporated in SB 257 and would be added to the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget of \$124.4 million. While a number of possible mechanisms may be available to the Ways and Means Committee for financing the programs, I would encourage you to ensure that the proposed \$30 million package is fully funded to provide increases of \$16 million for the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station, \$11.5 million for the OSU Extension Service, and \$2.5 million for the OSU Forest Research Laboratory.

Thank you for your service to Oregon, and for your support of these very important OSU programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Guttridge".

Alan Guttridge
Union, Oregon



March 8, 2019

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
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Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

I write to you today on behalf of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission – a commodity commission representing the men and women who comprise the state’s most valuable single-species fishery. Our fishery, as you may well be aware, not only benefits the fishermen and processors who work in its employ, but it is also a vital driving economic force for our coastal communities and the state, as well. Our fishery has leaned heavily on the Statewides to help us navigate around a variety of challenges over the years. It is a certainty that we will need to lean on their expertise over, and over again, now and for generations to come.

The Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs – the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory – provide state-of-the-art research and outreach in all 36 counties in Oregon. Known as “The OSU Statewides,” these programs apply expertise and advice generated by scientists and extension agents to real-world problems such as pollinator health, pesticides management, water quality and quantity, access to high-quality and nutritional food, and many other environmental quality, health and economic development issues facing Oregonians across the state.

In the past, these kinds of programs have helped us in many ways. For instance, we have been able to create a unique bio-economic model of our fishery, to help us better manage and prepare for the changes we face. We have conducted a mortality study on Dungeness crab, to better understand our fishery. And, only recently, we partnered with Dr. Leigh Torres on a study of whale migration to help us better reduce incidents of whale entanglement.

Looking ahead, due to changes in our ocean temperature, we are facing potentially devastating impacts to our fishery - everything from ocean acidification and hypoxia, to a potential increase in domoic acid events. These are biological events that have been around for generations, and are not new to our fishery, but the frequency is increasing and we need to know why and what we can do to protect our

future stock of Dungeness crab. We will need an "all hands on deck" approach to be able to tackle these issues from a knowledgeable base.

Over the last decade, these Statewides have faced a series of budget proposals that would close facilities and reduce personnel. And over this period, as a result of assistance and leadership from the legislature, these programs have largely benefitted from legislative funding that has filled the holes, and in 2015 enabled some modest new programs.

Sadly, it has come to our attention, that the Governor's proposal for the 2019-21 biennium includes no increased funding for the OSU Statewides - even though OSU figures indicate that state-mandated costs are increasing at 8 percent.

In our opinion, this is a "one step forward, two steps back" approach that our fishery simply cannot afford to see the state employ.

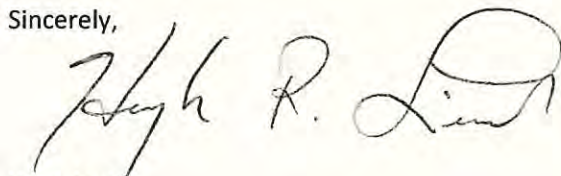
We deeply appreciate the support you and your colleagues have provided over the years. We feel that you know, as well as we do, that the unique position that the Statewides are in makes them a crucial cog in our economic wheel. They are, truly, "the only network of research-based statewide community leaders in Oregon that have the local relationships and pioneering knowledge and experience to meet the economic, social, and environmental needs of our state."

With the help and support of a wide variety of interest groups and stakeholders, the OSU Board of Trustees developed and approved a comprehensive proposal to add \$30 million in new and recovery programs aimed at making continued progress toward economic prosperity in every corner of the state. The attached information sheet provides detailed information about how these programs will continue to contribute to Oregon's economic, environmental, and social vitality.

The \$30 million package for the OSU Statewides is incorporated in SB 257 and would be added to the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget of \$124.4 million. Our commission would like to take this time, and join with the growing number around the state, in writing to you to respectfully request that you ensure that the \$30 million package is fully funded to provide increases of \$16 million for the Agricultural Experiment Station, \$11.5 million for the Extension Service, and \$2.5 million for the Forest Research Laboratory.

We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months to make meaningful progress in this effort; as we help ensure that the future generations of all Oregonians are being considered through the gathering of any knowledge needed today that will help us make the correct decisions for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh R. Link". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hugh" being the most prominent.

Hugh Link

Executive Director, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission

THE OSU STATEWIDES

EXTENSION SERVICE – AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION – FOREST RESEARCH LABORATORY

OSU'S STATEWIDE PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS HELP OREGON THRIVE

Under Oregon State's land-grant mission of learning, discovery, and engagement, the Statewides serve Oregonians by (1) identifying emerging issues, (2) discovering research-based solutions, and (3) applying new discoveries through engaged learning.

OSU Extension Service

Connects Oregonians to science-based expertise, education, and partnerships, including 4-H youth development; family and community health; agriculture, forestry and natural resources; and marine and community development.

Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station

Focuses the power of science to support over 220 Oregon crop, livestock, and seafood commodities to improve the health and resilience of Oregon's natural and working landscapes, waterways, wildlife, fisheries, and coastal resources.

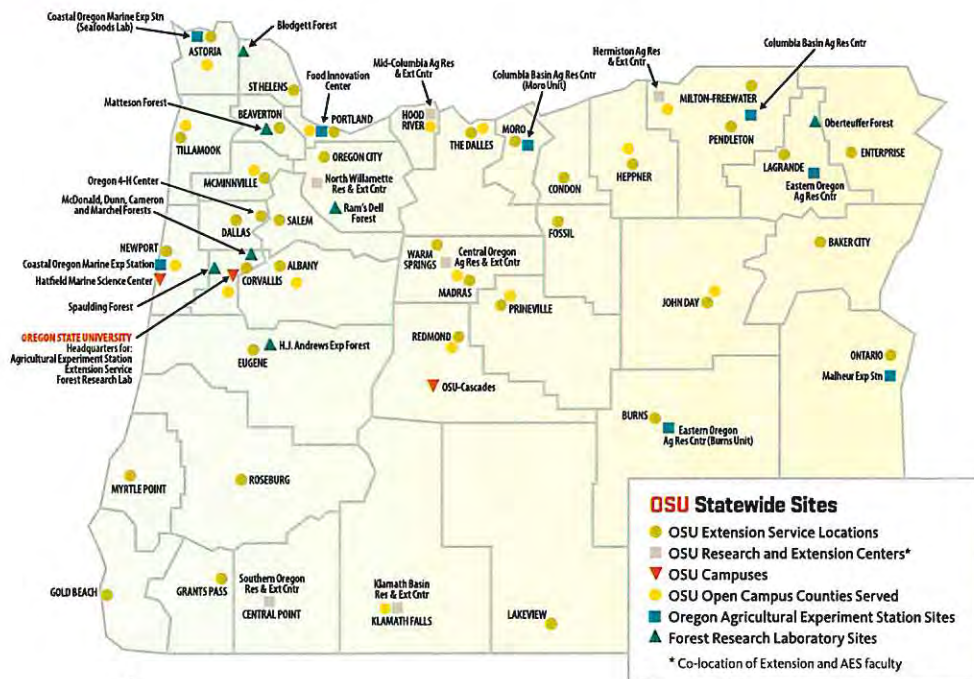
Oregon Forest Research Laboratory

Conducts research on innovative approaches for managing forest resources to enhance lives and improve the health of Oregon's lands, businesses, and vital ecosystems.

OUT THERE: SERVING OREGON

Solving problems and creating economic opportunity across the state

Every day, in communities across Oregon, people are engaged in learning and discovery through the OSU Statewides.



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THE OSU STATEWIDES' IMPACT

We are the only network of research-based statewide community leaders in Oregon that have the local relationships and pioneering knowledge and experience to meet the economic, social, and environmental needs of our state. Examples of our impact include:

OSU Extension Service

- ▶ The Open Campus program Juntos (meaning "together" in Spanish) has **served 3,500 parents and students** since it launched in 2011, with a 100% high school graduation rate and 92% post-secondary enrollment.
- ▶ Bee specialist Andony Melathopoulos helped establish the **Oregon Bee Project**. The project released a strategic plan for education and outreach with a goal to protect these crucial pollinators.

Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station

- ▶ Researchers have worked to **reduce exposure to toxins in our water supply** using zebrafish as surrogates.
- ▶ We have collaborated with agriculture producers around the world to develop new tools to improve response to climate change and **maintain global food security**.
- ▶ We continually **work with coastal communities** to help protect endangered species, manage fishery stocks, and expand commercial industries.

Oregon Forest Research Laboratory

- ▶ To inform land management decisions, a multiyear effort is underway to understand **marbled murrelet** nesting patterns in relation to actively managed forestlands.
- ▶ Researchers continue to bring the science of **fuel-reduction treatments, smoke management strategies, and post-fire restoration practices** to land managers working to reduce intensity and duration of fires that threaten our forestlands and communities.

INTEGRATED FOR THE FUTURE OF OREGON

The three statewide public-service programs are each mandated by separate, long-standing federal legislation but integrated in their delivery of services and discovery of knowledge. The Oregon legislature provides funding for the Statewides in three distinct line items in the state budget. State appropriations enable the Statewides to receive and compete for federal, local, and external sources that fund research, innovation, and other activities across the state.

The investment we seek for the 2019-21 biennium will **restore, maintain, and build essential research and Extension programs** that address Oregon's critical needs across three key areas:

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD, FOREST, and FISHERIES PRODUCTION

We must find solutions to address climate, pest, and market challenges that threaten the sustainability of our agricultural, forest, fisheries, and food systems.

NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE and STEWARDSHIP

We must preserve and sustain Oregon's diverse and productive ecosystems that are under threat from intensifying human use and climate change.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, and RESILIENCE

We must invest in our communities to enhance economic opportunity, create resilient food systems, support youth development, increase social connectivity, and help address growing health challenges.

2019-21 FUNDING REQUEST

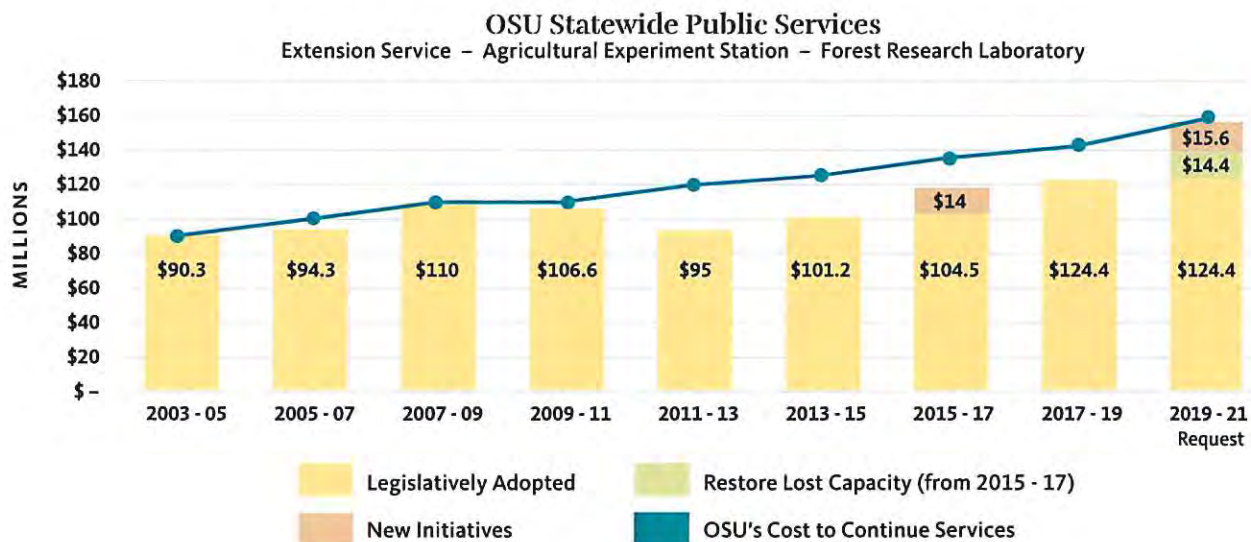
The Statewides are seeking an increase of \$30M in operational funding for the 2019-21 biennium under SB 257. This funding will fill a budget deficit created during the current biennium and ensure that current programs will continue in the next biennium at a level that is sufficient to meet inflationary cost increases. In addition, working with a broad range of constituents, the Statewides are proposing new investments to collaboratively address critical needs facing our state.

Statewide Public Service	2015-17 Legislatively Approved	2017-19 Legislatively Approved	2019-21 Request	Increase from 2017-19
Agricultural Experiment Station	\$63.1 M	\$66.1 M	\$82.1 M	\$16 M
OSU Extension Service	\$45.6 M	\$47.7 M	\$59.2 M	\$11.5 M
Forest Research Laboratory	\$9.8 M	\$10.2 M	\$12.7 M	\$2.5 M
Total	\$118.5 M	\$124 M	\$154 M	\$30 M

RESTORING OUR STATEWIDE IMPACT

The 4.7% funding increase in the current 2017-19 biennium created a 3.2% shortfall because it did not meet inflationary cost increases. The Statewides were forced to implement approximately \$4 million in budget cuts including:

- ▶ A total of 18 Extension, Ag Experiment Station, and Forest Research Lab positions left unfilled
- ▶ Further cuts to community, agricultural, and natural resource services
- ▶ Reduced critical research and diminished stakeholder outreach



COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT IN OREGON'S FUTURE

To be most effective, we have identified strategic investments that impact all three of the core focus areas of **natural resource stewardship, sustainable forestry and food production, and community economic development and resilience**. These strategic investments make best use of our collective research knowledge, relationships, and reach across the entire state. Examples include:

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

We will systematically develop and extend IPM programs to provide cost-effective pest management strategies and reduce toxins in both urban and agricultural environments.

This will include programs in:

- ▶ Urban IPM (with targeted Spanish-language options)
- ▶ School IPM
- ▶ Pesticide safety education
- ▶ Agency IPM
- ▶ Pollinator health
- ▶ Production Ag IPM

INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY and QUANTITY

We will provide systematic, coordinated regional research and education programs focused on helping to solve Oregon's growing ground- and surface- management challenges.

This will include programs focused on:

- ▶ Increasing water conservation, storage and instream flows
- ▶ Integrating water and fertilizer management
- ▶ Increasing irrigation efficiency

BUILDING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE IN CROPS, LIVESTOCK, and SEAFOOD SYSTEMS

We will develop new varieties and new management systems that provide resilience to climate change for crops, coastal fisheries, and livestock.

This will include:

- ▶ Developing new management strategies for fisheries and seafood
- ▶ Accelerating development of resilient crop varieties
- ▶ Accelerating the use of precision technologies to increase efficiency and resilience in livestock and cropping systems

FIRE RESILIENCE and RESISTANCE

We will advance fire resilience and resistance on lands that are most at risk to catastrophic wildfire, and deliver fire and drought information that directly supports land managers.

This will include:

- ▶ Advancing pre-fire response efforts to reduce fuel loads on lands that are most at risk to catastrophic wildfire
- ▶ Delivering fire and drought information and outreach that directly supports land managers
- ▶ Building partnerships to mitigate risks and improve forest health

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT and SECURITY

We will enhance economic opportunity and close the achievement gap by providing equitable access to workforce education and youth development in communities across Oregon.

This will include programs focusing on:

- ▶ Enhanced youth development, including 4-H and college and career readiness
- ▶ Fostering skills development in Oregon's rural workforce in the growing data-science and outdoor-economy sectors

COMMUNITY HEALTH and RESILIENCE

We will enhance community health and resilience by leveraging our expertise and partnerships to foster economic development, build social cohesion, and help address complex community challenges.

This will include programs focusing on:

- ▶ Poverty and underemployment
- ▶ Health and nutrition
- ▶ Food insecurity and lack of resilient community food systems
- ▶ Growing opioid and mental health challenges in rural communities

For more information visit ourimpact.oregonstate.edu or contact:

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March 21, 2019

To: Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee

Re: Support for Senate Bill 257

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of increased funding for higher education to benefit Oregon's farms and forests. My name is Rob Guttridge. I am a fourth-generation Oregonian; with still-working Oregon Century Farms on both sides of my family tree.

Although my parents and grandparents did not graduate from college, they did benefit (as I have) from the educational outreach programs of OSU Extension. The Extension programs benefit many thousands of folks in all areas of the state, particularly the rural areas where our lives and livelihoods are strongly tied to farming and forestry. I am grateful for the expertise and assistance provided by my Extension Forester, by 4-H programs, and for the research and informal education programs that continue to educate and inform me more than forty years after I finished college.

Oregon's growing population, shrinking supply of productive farm and forestland, and warming climate pose continuing challenges to those of us who care for the land. Please continue to invest in our future by providing funding for research and education programs to help us meet those challenges. Thank you for your support of Senate Bill 257.

Sincerely,

Rob Guttridge

815 Washington Street

Oregon City OR 97045

3/13/2019

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to add my testimony for your consideration regarding SB 257.

We live in a rural area, the downside of which means we don't have access to resources available to those residing in more populated areas. However, we are blessed with the support of our OSU Extension Service. Their knowledge, expertise, and interest in providing information and support is value beyond measure.

My husband and I credit OSU Extension Service with actually saving his life 3 years ago. He had recently suffered a heart attack, and a year post episode was still struggling to move about freely without struggling to breathe. It was at that point our very good fortune to enroll in a *Reversing Heart Disease* class offered by the Coos County OSU Extension Service. *Really? . . . a class on reversing heart disease offered in rural Southern Oregon?* It was, and we joined a full class of people inspired to learn more about this important subject matter.

During this 12-session class, we learned an unbelievable volume of heart-health information with emphasis on nutrition education and exercise. The classes, held 3 times weekly for a month, were 3 hours long and included information consistently presented in an informative and interesting manner. We learned, practiced what we learned at home, read nutrition-related books and/or watched healthy heart-related DVD's and followed up with report presentations to our classmates; we took turns working with the chef and prepared a plant-based, heart-healthy meal for the class. We practiced making a plant-based dish at home and presented the finished product for the class to sample. We played games which helped lock our nutritional understanding into place.

And the outcome?

- Prior to the class my husband couldn't walk across our 14' livingroom without pausing to catch his breath.
- Following the class and the subsequent 9 week of practicing this new behavior at home:
 - He was playing full-court basketball at our family reunion. Count it. . . 13 weeks learning and practicing heart healthy behaviors we learned in a class presented by Coos County OSU Extension Service.
 - Heart medicine was reduced; blood pressure medicine was reduced; bi-pass surgery was avoided.

Am I thankful for the Coos County OSU Extension Service?

Without a doubt!

I count my blessings each additional day I have to spend with my husband of 46 years. It would not have been possible without this class developed by Stephanie Polizzi, Coos County OSU Extension Service.

We hope our experience with OSU Extension Service joins the testimonies of many others who have partnered with and/or received education, information, support, and guidance from the OSU Extension Service team. Additionally, please know we whole heartedly support a positive vote to enhance financial support for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Thank you,



Jodi Bouska

Oregon Ways and Means Committee Community Forum
March 9, 2019
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RE: Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, HB 2729
Testimony provided by Ann Schmierer, Executive Director, Wild Rivers Land Trust

My name is Ann Schmierer, and I am a resident of Port Orford. I am also the executive director of the Wild Rivers Land Trust that has a service area from Tenmile Lakes watershed down to the California border. I am here today to urge you to support the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program at the proposed \$10M funding level.

The agricultural sector is a vital part of the Oregon economy as well as the conservation ethic of our coastal communities.

The benefits of the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) are multifactorial. First, by having the means to compensate farmers and ranchers to participate in long-lasting conservation not only stabilizes these vital businesses, but also provides benefits to other parts of the coastal economy by protecting, restoring or enhancing critical habitat for salmon and other species that have part of their lifecycle in freshwater, particularly estuaries. Watershed health has broader impacts to the coastal economy, and OAHP can be a huge asset in that regard.

By keeping agricultural land intact and a vital part of the economy, these lands can provide additional value in sequestering carbon in the grasslands, forests, estuaries, and wetland that are a part of agricultural lands, thus mitigating the effects of climate change.

I urge you to lend your strong support to the OAHP to fully leverage federal funding for Oregon farms and ranches and promote watershed health that are vital to our coastal communities and economies.

Let's make sure the Future Farmers of America seated in the audience behind me are able to inherit family farms and ranches to sustain an important part of the coastal economy. Please provide the agricultural sector the means to contribute to watershed health through a well-funded Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program. Thank you.

Ann Schmierer
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DATE: March 16, 2019

TO: Joint Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Melanie Kebler, Bend attorney

SUBJECT: HB 2239, providing a new judge for Deschutes County Circuit Court (Eleventh Judicial District)

Thank you for holding this State Budget Community Hearing here in Redmond so that constituents from Central Oregon and other neighboring areas of Oregon can attend and speak to you about our priorities. I am testifying today in support of HB 2239, specifically the provision that would provide an additional judge for the Deschutes County Circuit Court.

My name is Melanie Kebler and I am an attorney working out of the Bend office of the nonprofit Oregon Crime Victims Law Center. My testimony here represents my own personal opinions as a career prosecutor and attorney for crime victims and does not reflect the opinions or positions of my employer. I passed the bar in 2008 and spent the beginning of my career working as a prosecutor on the coast and in the valley, specializing in the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes. Those crimes frequently involved child victims or child witnesses to crimes of abuse. I worked closely with victims of crime who keenly felt the effects of being exposed to trauma, either directly or indirectly. The victims I worked with often experienced symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and depression because of the crimes committed against them. Remember that these victims were thrust into the criminal justice system through no fault of their own, and had very little control over how the criminal case proceeded. Court delays for the victims of crime that I worked with were excruciating and could exacerbate their trauma symptoms, not to mention make my cases more difficult to prove as witness memories faded, children grew up, and the families torn apart by trauma attempted to move on with their lives. However, moving on was an impossible task when a pending trial continued to loom over their life for many many months, or even years. As a prosecutor, I witnessed first hand the detrimental effect that a slow court system has on victims of crime.

When I transitioned to working for the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, I began representing victims directly to help them assert and enforce their rights as victims in the criminal justice system. I have repeatedly made arguments to judges to avoid continuing a case, relaying the objection of my client the victim. Far too often, I have seen victims ready to go, prosecutor and defense prepared, only for the case to be "bumped" or rescheduled solely due to the lack of judges available to hear a trial. Though a victim has a statutory right in Oregon to have their case concluded with all practicable speed, this can seem impossible to uphold when there is simply not a courtroom to spare to hear their case.

When I came to Deschutes County to practice, I immediately learned that our courts here are very backed up. To be frank, I learned that if it's not a restraining order or a case involving an

in-custody defendant, good luck getting a trial within a year. And for a civil case? Good luck getting a trial date even in that time period. I learned that a first trial date setting (four to six months out) is very unlikely to actually be heard, and most likely will be bumped by an older case. The number of cases that are coming into the system is overwhelming for the judges and staff attempting to tackle the flow, schedule hearings, make critical decisions, and move cases along. One additional judge is an important, crucially needed first step towards having a court system in Deschutes County that will be able to keep up with the number of cases and litigants in an area that has seen rapid growth and will continue to grow. Unfortunately, this is one of the slowest courts I have practiced in during my career when it comes to scheduling and completing cases. In my work, that means that my clients, victims of crime, who are only part of a criminal case because of the actions of another person, are being hurt by the court's inability to achieve swift and certain results in their cases.

Because of my background, I chose today to focus on speaking to you mainly about the importance of a speedy resolution of a criminal case to victims of crime. But I know that an additional judge in Deschutes County would help vulnerable members of our community in another way - specifically that it would allow for our local courts to meet timeliness standards in child welfare cases, including shelter hearings, which are crucial to assuring the well being of potentially endangered children in our community. My work as a prosecutor involved working with multi-disciplinary teams on the issues of child abuse and child welfare, and I have conducted shelter hearings where judges had to make important, swift decisions about how best to care for a child who could be in an unsafe situation. There is no more vulnerable population than these children who, like victims of crime, find themselves involved in a court case through no fault of their own. They should also be afforded speedy court case results in Deschutes County.

For these reasons, I urge you to move HB 2239 forward and provide the Deschutes County Circuit Court with an additional judge.

Thank you,

Melanie Kebler
Attorney
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Jimmie Wilkins
HB 2570

My name is Jimmie Wilkins. I live in Pendleton, Oregon. I am here today as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). I am seeking support for HB 2570. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to advocate for abused or neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes.

As a CASA, we are the only person whose sole responsibility is the child's best interest. As a CASA, we stay with our case until it is closed - when the child (or children) are placed in a safe, permanent home. This, unfortunately in some cases, can be years. While there may be multiple DHS caseworkers, attorneys, teachers, and foster parents – the CASA is a constant in the foster child's life. Our only focus is on being sure that our child's interests are being attended.

As a CASA, I went through over 50 hours of training in addition to observing court proceedings, Citizen Review Boards (CRB), file reviews, DHS policies and reviews. Once being assigned my first case, in November, I have spent 20+ hours a week following up on issues that impact my CASA child. And all of this is volunteer hours.

Most everyone knows that 85.3% of statistics are made up on the spot. However, here are some numbers that are important. In Umatilla/Morrow County alone, we started 2019 with 245 children in the foster care system. Currently there are 38 CASAs serving 79 children. There are 165 children still waiting for a CASA. With 245 children in our current foster care system –67% are not being service by a CASA in our area alone!

In the wake of the drug bust in January, we had 38 new children enter the system and 12 more in February. 50 new children is the greatest number Umatilla/Morrow has ever seen.

The need is critical – for the children. While we are volunteers, we need sustained training and support. We need qualified trainers and program support. The program needs heightened awareness and determined recruiting. HB 2570 would maintain our current programs and support the tremendous need to expand the size and diversity of the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Thank you for your time. I will try to answer any questions you might have.

THE CHALLENGE

- In 2017, **11,645 Oregon children** were placed in our state's care because they had been abused or neglected.
- The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is the only person on a case whose **sole responsibility is the child's best interest**. An Oregon child usually has one volunteer CASA for the entire length of the case – even when there are multiple caseworkers, attorneys, teachers, foster parents, etc. involved.
- **55% of Oregon foster children need – and don't currently have – a CASA**, despite the state statutory (ORS 419B.112) mandate of a CASA for every child in state care. Local CASA programs simply lack the funding to meet this goal.
- **State funding currently provides only 17% of total funding for CASA programs.**



THE SOLUTION

CASA is a critical component in Oregon's fight against child abuse. Children with CASAs are less likely to suffer re-abuse and are more likely to find a permanent home, spend an average of five months less time in foster care, and do better in school.

- 2,050 CASAs provided 250,000+ hours of volunteer advocacy last year for 5,286 Oregon children.
- **New CASA volunteers are waiting to be trained by local CASA programs across Oregon – only held back by insufficient staffing capacity due to inadequate funding.**



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LONG-TERM GOAL: Sustainable resources for local CASA programs to recruit, train, supervise, and support enough volunteers to provide a CASA for every foster child in Oregon.

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Subject: HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:03:30 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing with significant concern regarding the health and well being of my children in light of the current proposed legislation HB 3063. As well educated parents with Bachelors degrees, my husband and I make a point to do extensive research regarding all of our children's healthcare decisions. We appreciate having the autonomy to be able to make informed decisions regarding vaccines for our children. We are not anti-vaccine or anti-science; however, we are against any unconstitutional government intrusion into our medical and religious freedom that would prohibit our children from obtaining their education. Education is important for every child to receive, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or system of beliefs. Parents should have the right to choose what is best for their own children and the ability to personalize vaccination schedules for their children. There is no one size fits all approach to vaccinating children. Vaccines do not come without risk as is stated in the adverse reaction lists from each package insert for all recommended vaccinations on the CDC website. I would greatly appreciate your consideration in supporting a parent's right to remain in control of our children's healthcare decisions and the ability to attend school. Oppose HB 3063!

Concerned Parent,
Christine Braunstein

From: +15033805776@tmomail.net
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:25:29 PM
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Please consider our rights and oppose the mandated vaccines- every child is different and deserves to vaccinate on their own personal schedule- it's not about being an antivaxxer it's about our freedom to choose- there are many vaccines that aren't required or needed necessarily - please please reconsider this - for our schools and economy and our children and families. For Oregon for America- let's not become what we proudly state we are not.

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From: [debbi blanche](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:44:49 PM

Please consider our rights and oppose the mandated vaccines- every child is different and deserves to vaccinate on their own personal schedule- we have autoimmune issues in our family- my daughter has nf1 and Tumors in her spinal cord - she's had surgery where hardware was added. She's had many obstacles but never complains! We choose what vaccines she and her siblings should have according to age - and have been successful with our care program. Its not about being an antivaxxer it's about our freedom to choose- there are many vaccines that aren't required or needed necessarily - please please reconsider this - for our schools and economy and our children and families. For Oregon for America- let's not become what we proudly state we are not.

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Debbi Blanche

From: [Chandra Preciado](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: I oppose bill hb3063
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:59:59 PM

My name is Chandra Bath and I oppose bill HB3063.

To mandate any medication or vaccine is absolutely unethical and unconstitutional as this is a violation of the 4th and 14th Amendments; "The right of the people to be secure in their persons".

Our Freedom to have the right of informed choice is being taken away with bill HB3063. (removing a parents right to choose and removing exemptions for vaccines to attend school) This bill still advanced despite the mountains of testimony, stories from legitimate parents who have children that were perfectly healthy before vaccines.

This bill needs abolished and stoped. We have a constitution for a reason- to protect our freedom and to have rights. I'm worried that this bill is just to aggressive.

This bill is taking our right for our children to be educated in schools and to participate in sports. This is unfair and unmoral to segregate children because they are unvaccinated. Children and Adults deserve the right to chose. My body, my choice!

We need to have the option to choose when and what we put into our body and our children's bodies. We deserve the right to pick and choose vaccine schedules. We deserve the right to choose what vaccines to get. This bill is too strict and poorly written. We deserve to have more medical exemptions that are not only being immunocompromised children. We deserve the right to have religious exemptions.

This bill could have unwanted consequence. People will pull their children from schools and move out of state. This will affect the economy in a negative way. This will affect our children's development and schools.

Please rethink this bill and vote no!

Thank you for your time,
-Chandra Bath

From: [Stephanie Schultz](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 6:27:55 PM

I strongly oppose HB 3063.

People should want to vaccinate, not be forced to. The majority of Oregonians do vaccinate and will continue to even without this bill.

I believe God made us with our immune systems the way they should be for a reason with natural life long immunity to any diseases you catch. I BEG you to please vote no on this bill. You could be saving tons of babies health and some lives by voting no!

My daughter had the vitamin k shot in the hospital, she was able to coordinate sucking and swallowing before the shot but immediately after she had troubles sucking and swallowing. She also projectile vomited numerous times in the bassinet, I didn't sleep for 3 days because I was so scared she would choke. The nurses told me that was normal, it's normal because all babies receive that unnecessary shot. I didn't know the shot caused those things until I researched months later. On top of that, she had one vaccine when she was a few days old and one at 2 months old. She began having horrible silent acid reflux where she would scream in pain until she passed out, eczema and for a short while her arm didn't have muscle tone not long after receiving them. All those things are side effects listed in the vaccine inserts.

I will homeschool my daughter before ever injecting her again with the toxic poisons, aborted fetuses, animal blood, human blood and all the other garbage that's in them. I'm sure others that don't want to vaccinate will do the same if need be.

The exemptions state if there is an outbreak the unvaccinated will be sent home until it is over. These "outbreaks" are not even happening in schools OR out in the community. If parents are worried about the diseases they will have their kids vaccinated so why do they still fear the unvaccinated, especially school aged kids if the vaccines actually work? We all pay our taxes and should have rights to public schooling. Homeschooling might not be so bad though since schools are getting worse and worse.

Immunocompromised or young should stay away from ALL diseases/sicknesses not just the ones there are vaccines for.

So far out of all these "cases of measles" one person was hospitalized and has since recovered, the rest recovered at home! Almost everyone around my age (35) had the chickenpox and probably everyone born in the 50's/60's had the measles. Do I want my daughter to get the measles? No. Am I scared if she does? Not really.

I think it's possible the "outbreaks" are set up and are paid for by big pharma to try and remove exemptions. This is happening in multiple states. They saw what happened in California with taking away exemptions and are trying to make it happen everywhere. It's a sick world that you would be contributing to if you vote yes. What's next? Microchips?

Mandatory flu shots? Mandating the HPV and Hep B vaccines for babies and young children is ridiculous! Those diseases are not airborne and are usually from being sexually active. How about we teach our kids to be safe instead!

The news lies and is paid to make you hear what they want you to hear. The one case of measles in Salem came out late Tuesday night, the hearing was supposed to be Wednesday but they delayed it until Thursday. Seems very fishy!

The news is not allowed to report when babies die after vaccines or when a child gets the measles after the MMR vaccine. Baby Dawson died hours after his vaccines, his story couldn't be shared on the news in the US, you can see for yourself on his mom's Facebook page, her name is Alex Drabinski. Ariana Sherberts shared on Facebook when her son got the measles from the MMR shot but the news can't share that either. There are thousands of similar stories from parents who's kids have been injured or died after receiving vaccines ALL over Facebook. Some stories are being censored so other people can't see them. Corruption at its finest! Doesn't that raise red flags for people when things are being hidden?

Meningitis is listed on some vaccine inserts as an adverse reaction along with encephalitis (brain swelling), eczema (your body is not able to get rid of toxins), respiratory issues (asthma), seizures, allergies, muscle weakness, SIDS, vision problems, EVEN the measles, and much more.

My daughter had a severe case of RSV, which she got from the daycare worker where she was going who had a terrible cold (I removed her immediately), the doctors kept telling me she was okay and to look for certain things that WERE already happening in front of them, retractions being one of those things, they still sent us home. There is not a vaccine available for RSV, there is medicine to "help prevent it" but it is only offered to high risk babies and the side effects for that are scary. They include death, and state that you can still get a severe case of RSV, etc. Treatment for RSV is usually successful. My daughter was admitted to OHSU and intubated after going to the doctors FIVE times. If I wouldn't have gone to the ER because the doctors at Urgent Care were making me feel crazy for thinking something was seriously wrong, she probably would have died! The oximeter at Urgent Care was not working so they just assumed she was okay but when I got to the ER her oxygen was 80. Anything under 90 is respiratory distress!

Malpractice / medical error and pharmaceuticals ARE a leading cause of death in the United States. I had a doctor tell me to let my daughter sleep in a car seat when she was having the acid reflux, a known cause of SIDS. Another doctor told me to give her a couple of medicines after having RSV when she got a cold and had mild wheezing one of them being a steroid which weakens your immune system, I asked if she really needed the medicines and he said no, she'll probably recover on her own. WHY prescribe something with tons of side effects when it's not truly needed? I have had a doctor tell me I will never be happy without an antidepressant, how you know the antidepressant is working is it gets worse before it gets better when all along I had short lived anxiety NOT depression, another told me I bet you don't have a prolapsed bladder from deliver or a retained placenta when in fact I did have both and I told them that, she didn't listen I complained for weeks, finally another doctor called in an ultrasound for me. But let's ALWAYS trust the doctors (sarcasm). Don't they take an oath when they get their degrees anymore?

Listen to the side effects on TV commercials for medicine, it's no different than vaccines. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice! Please protect our rights!

<https://www.synagis.com/patients/what-is-synagis.html>

Doctors should have to show parents vaccine inserts, not just the one page sheet they give you with minimal information, along with the list of ingredients so parents are aware of the possible risks. I've asked multiple doctors and nurses if they know what's in vaccines or if they have read inserts and they admit they haven't yet they will promise you they are safe. That's not true for all! Vaccine inserts used to say anyone that has Eczema should not be vaccinated or if your family has autoimmune diseases you shouldn't be vaccinated. Babies that have the MTHFR gene are not able to process the toxins and heavy metals as well. One of the possible marks of that gene is the sugar vein on the bridge of their nose, which my daughter has! Vaccines are not safe or effective for all!

The vaccine inserts list studies and list how often vaccine injuries occurred during the studies...I am sure the vaccines cause a lot more injuries than what are listed since millions more babies are receiving the vaccines vs the amount of babies they studied on. They've only done individual studies too, not studies on the 6 to 9 vaccines that are given at one time or the ones given during pregnancy!

Intussusception (your intestines twisting together) is listed on the Rotavirus vaccine insert that an estimated as many as 1 in 20,000 babies will have that happen. These babies will need risky surgery to recover.

Aluminum, Mercury, Formaldehyde, aborted baby fetus, cow blood, African green monkey cells, mouse brains, antibiotics (which could instantly kill you if you're allergic), peanut/egg/milk/yeast products (hints the extreme allergy concern), MSG, latex, and many more disturbing ingredients are listed! Attached are links to the CDC website where you can find this information.

Injecting babies with tons of toxins and viruses does not seem like a great way to build immunities especially when their brains are still developing!

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/additives.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf>

<https://vaccines.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=005206>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/side-effects.htm>

http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm

The amount of vaccines given now is unbelievable. We used to get no more than 2 per visit in

the 80's and only a few by the time we went to school (look up the 1980 vaccine schedule and compare the current one). Babies/kids these days get up to 9 (few are combination so about 5 injections) in ONE visit (the majority at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months...that is the highest peak time for SIDS...yet they "don't know the cause"). An estimated 3,500 babies die EVERY YEAR from SIDS, why are people not questioning it more? Especially when the DTaP vaccine lists sudden infant death syndrome. I don't think vaccines are the only cause of SIDS but definitely the majority. The few unvaccinated babies that die aren't during set months. Examiners that determine their death are not allowed to rule them as vaccine related.

All the diseases they vaccinate for combined in YEARS (a lot not just a couple) don't kill that many people, not to mention you can die from a cold that turns into pneumonia. Here is the link that shows how many people die per disease per year according to the CDC.

Let's not forget, there are diseases that had NO vaccine that are eradicated.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/E/reported-cases.pdf>

Babies/kids are injected with over 75 vaccines now by the time they are 18 (most by the time they are 5) and they just keep adding more.

The vaccine companies have been freed from lawsuits since 1986. Since then the vaccine schedule started increasing and hasn't stopped. They can now put whatever they want in them and don't have to disclose it. Why would you trust them or the doctors who pay NO price if your child dies or is injured? How about we hold the vaccine manufacturers liable again and get rid of all the garbage that's in them? Then maybe no one would question them.

A lot of babies have rashes, fevers, uncontrollable crying (the poke is not what is hurting them, it's their brain swelling), they are lethargic, have loss of appetite and/or trouble sleeping, chronic ear infection and need tubes in their ears, are constantly sick after, have asthma, seizures, frequent diarrhea, allergies, eczema, autism, diabetes, delayed speech and the list goes on after vaccinations but parents don't question it because they're told vaccines are safe and effective, that it's genetic, they were born with it and so on.

Babies are ALL injected with the Hepatitis B vaccine at birth and WHY? It should only be considered with a Hepatitis B positive mother. The way Hepatitis B is transmitted is through blood or bodily fluids (sex, contaminated needles, and delivery).

The United States has the highest 1st day death rate for babies but not many people question the vaccine or vitamin k shot which comes with a black box warning.

I believe fertility issues are on the rise because of the ingredients they use in flu shots, the HPV vaccine and other vaccines. Look at fertility rates, it's the lowest it's ever been. Polysorbate 80 being the main concern.

There is a link that aluminum in the brain causes Alzheimer's. The amount of aluminum in vaccines is far past the "safe level". The "safe level" is something like 25 mcg, some vaccines

have 500 mcg of aluminum.

I believe the Tdap vaccine (a class C drug) that is given during weeks 27-36 cause the majority of babies born preterm and the majority of the estimated 26,000 still births that happen every year.

Vaccine inserts list on line 13.1 this vaccine has not been tested for carcinogenic, mutagenic (DNA changing which is possibly why some people are gay since they are being injected with the opposites sex DNA), or impairment of fertility. And why not??? Because they know it causes these things. This is going into our babies and kids. Look at all these children hospitals packed full of kids with cancer, they are unfortunately test subjects. This statement is slowly getting removed because they don't want people to know and more and more people are reading the inserts.

<https://www.thevaccinereaction.org/2016/01/polysorbate-80-a-risky-vaccine-ingredient/>

<https://drjockers.com/aluminum-vaccines/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/birth-6-vaccine-schedule.html>

According to the CDC website EVERY DOSE that you give your child has a 1 in a million chance (probably more than that) of a severe adverse event happening or death (that means 6 to 9 times depending on how many vaccines they receive at EACH "well baby" visit there is that risk), the "mild" or moderate side effects are not great either and some are 1 in 1,000 babies/kids. That is like playing Russian roulette with your child's health or life. The majority if not all of the diseases/viruses they vaccinate for go away on their own or are treatable and have less risk on the very rare chance of you getting them, as long as the doctors don't write you off. And not to mention there are plenty of other diseases there aren't vaccines for (RSV, hand food & mouth, etc) but of course those aren't talked about. There is VAERS (vaccine adverse event reporting system) and the vaccine court which has paid out billions, for a reason. They are NOT 100% safe! Approximately 4 million babies are born each year in the US. That 1% = 40,000 deaths or severe reactions.

The new 6 in 1 vaccine had SEVEN babies die during the trial, some within hours but they claim the vaccine didn't cause the deaths. The babies are only monitored for a short period too, I think 3 weeks so there could be even more!

Parents should look up vaccine inserts, the ingredients, the diseases and treatment, the number of cases (there are over 325 million people in the United States) and look at the death rates (not for other countries), the decline of the disease and when vaccines were introduced, watch Vaxxed or The Truth About Vaccines, look at the VAERS website (most injuries aren't reported but you can look at all the ones that are), join vaccine education groups (ask questions), and read parents stories...don't just trust doctors or the big pharmaceutical companies, the ones who make money off of us getting their vaccines or being sick.

People argue that Polio is gone because of vaccines...there are still TENS OF THOUSANDS suffering from paralysis aka Guillain Bare Syndrome along with others diseases that cause

paralysis, which are listed as side effects in the vaccine inserts. If people researched Polio they would know that most people didn't even know they had it but yes, unfortunately some were paralyzed or died.

We should keep babies healthy by keeping them away from knowingly sick people, washing hands, stay home if you can or use a trusted friend/family member for daycare, breastfeed if you are able, use non-gmo and non-toxic organic food and baby supplies when possible, and don't let people kiss your baby, especially on the mouth!

<http://vaxtruth.org/2015/01/pertussis/>

<https://youtu.be/YpRAbfhIhlo>

Before you leave the hospital now they make you watch a video "the period of purple crying", it tells you your baby may cry for 3 hours or more, look like they are in pain ("they are not") and say you won't be able to console them...they say this is normal and usually peaks around 2 months (when they get their first set of 6 to 9 vaccines).

Inconsolable crying is also listed on the DTaP vaccine...they get the first one at 2 months.

Coincidence? I think not! My parents were never told they wouldn't be able to console us.

<https://www.babycentre.co.uk/x25016357/what-is-purple-crying>

Doctors will tell parents vaccines are mandatory for school but 48 states have medical, religious, or philosophical exemptions. They ignore parents concerns and want their money so they tell parents they don't have options. Usually the DHS websites for each state will have the information parents need to get one. Some clinics won't take unvaccinated children as patients but they can't turn you away at Urgent Care or the ER if you are in need of a doctor.

Parents vaccinate their babies but the majority are probably not up to date on their vaccines. Most vaccines only "protect" for about 5 to 10 years, I don't think many realize this. Over half the population is probably not up to date on vaccines and there is not true outbreaks. Ask the adults around you and yourself when the last time they/you were updated on all these vaccines.

One of my coworkers received the flu shot, HPV vaccine, and TDaP at one time. She had vomiting, diarrhea, severe headaches, and bloody noses for a week straight. It's very disgusting what they do to us!

Taking away our rights to choose what goes into our bodies or our children is unconstitutional. And is the start of many rights being taken away. The government should not have control over our health or be able to take away our rights to protect ourselves. Taking away guns from the good will not keep them out of the bad guys hands. Meth is illegal and it's not stopping the addicts.

I listened to the 3 hour hearing on 2/28, it was a relief to hear so many doctors, nurses and parents in opposition to the bill. I don't know how anyone could listen to them and not

understand there are risks. This is an extreme bill, kids who have disabilities or suffer from other health issues would not be allowed to have exemptions. Medical exemptions are almost impossible to get. During the hearing, one nurse said they were not trained in school on anything besides where to inject the vaccine!!! That is very disturbing.

People who are for informed consent are not crazy or stupid. We have undoubtedly spent more time researching than most. We care about protecting people's rights and the health of the future generations.

Please do what's right for the children and vote NO!

Sincerely,
Stephanie S
Salem, OR

Here is a link that has all the other concerned parents letters. Some in support of the bill but most not.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Committees/HHC/2019-02-28-15-00/HB3063/Details>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Melanie Kebler](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Re: Testimony for March 16 hearing - City of residence: Bend
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 7:41:04 PM

What is the scope for the hearing tomorrow, then? Increasing the number of judges means increasing the budget to pay for them, and my understanding was this is a community hearing about the budget. This is the only time Ways and Means will be in my area, so it will be my only chance to testify to them about this issue, which will eventually be before them. What will be the topics that I am allowed to submit testimony on or testify to tomorrow?

Thanks,
Melanie

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 5:15 PM waysandmeans budget
<waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in submitting written testimony. Ways and Means will begin accepting testimony for HB 2239 once it is scheduled for a public hearing in this committee. Use the link below to sign-up for notifications related to the progression of the bill. After entering your email address, expand the + sign next to "Legislative Bills" for a dropdown list.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/subscriber/new>

You may resubmit testimony once a meeting date is set.

From: Melanie Kebler <mekebler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:48 AM
To: waysandmeans budget <waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov>
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Hello, please find attached written testimony for the community hearing on March 16. I included my city of residence in the subject this time :)

Thanks,

Melanie Kebler

From: [Adrienne Marie](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:27:30 PM

My name is Adrienne Shaia and I ask you to Please NOT pass the house bill 3063. I opposed it for so many reasons. The reality behind it is a violation of our rights and freedoms as Americans. This bill segregates and discriminates against so many children. Children that will become displaced from their routines, their friends the schools they love. The state will lose money and people will leave. Oregon was supposed to be a progressive state open minded open hearted and welcoming to so many. That's why we see our economy, and housing thrive the way we do. This Bill takes away so much from our "safe" and loving State. Not to even bring up the backlash that will come from this. There is no way to catch up half these children that are unvaccinated and that amount of time listed in this bill and to deny them education is a violation of civil rights and opens doors for lawsuits against the state. Injury will happen from so many vaccines at once to be updated it is even against CDC scheduling. This opens doors for lawsuits against the state. Many children that are in school are on a delayed vaccination schedule, this will remove over a hundred thousand children from public schools if parents comply with CDC recommendations on vaccination schedules and not the law in this Bill. This Bill is not just against Pro and anti vaccinations, because many people that vaccinate still believe in my body my choice. This is so much more, this is a violation of our amendments, our rights, our bodies and our children's bodies and rights to deny Medical Care and consent. Oregonians came together and rose up in the movements when women felt violated, and this is the most intense violation of our pro-choice rights and to include our children in the violation this is more violation than most of us have ever experienced. I beg of you to consider what this is doing to people and their families and the financial liability Oregon will be faced with. This bill targets low income, single parents, and minorities this is Prejudiced and discriminatory. This bill cannot be passed

From: [Cicada Rose](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Written testimony
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:59:48 PM

HB3063

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My mother has an auto immune disease and her father died of one. My father died at 77 from Alzheimer's and dementia. His mother died at 54 of a stroke.

My oldest had a shot reaction.

And yet, under the proposed bill, they will not be able to get the exemptions that they need. They are the children this bill is supposed to protect, and it directly endangers them.

My perfectly healthy children run the risk of no longer being so- and OHP will be the one to foot the bill.

Did you know pediatricians are not even required to take a child's temperature before administering a shot? Let alone take this medical history into account.

What are my choices? To homeschool while I take on a full course load myself? Move my children away from their home for medical freedom?

We are at the herd immunity threshold with only 2.6% students being completely unvaccinated and another 4.9% partially. This bill is unnecessary and harmful.

Sincerely,

Kate Dollar

From: [Cicada Rose](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
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Kate Dollar

From: [JAMIE POPA](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 - OPPOSE
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019 3:29:40 PM

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to use my God given Right and Constitutional Right to OPPOSE Bill 3063.

There are scores of very professionally executed investigations into the efficacy of vaccinations. During these investigations, ample FACTS come to light, repeatedly, that these vaccinations induce all kinds of physical harm in varying degrees, including death. This is not my opinion but easily documented FACTS.

Informed Consent is one of the primary tenets of any medical practice. This was introduced by the Council of International Organizations of Medical Sciences to create and maintain ETHICAL GUIDELINES. "What is Informed Consent? 1) Has received the necessary information, 2) Has adequately understood the information, and 3) After considering the information, has arrived at a decision without having been subjected to coercion, undue influence or inducement or intimidation."

I would also like to assert that **only 2.6%** of students in K-12 are **100% unvaccinated**. It defies logic that this could be the cause of Oregon's extremely high MMR rates as statistically, provided by OHA, Oregon has an extremely high vaccination rate. Logically, one would come to the conclusion that unvaccinated children are NOT the cause of the extremely high MMR rates. Also, in the opinion of the pro-vaccine conglomerates, if 97.4% of Oregon's children ARE vaccinated and "protected", then it is very easy to see the flaw and hidden agenda of these conglomerates, namely the manufacturing drug companies of these vaccines. If anything, these statistics show the inefficacy of today's dangerous vaccinations.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Popa
Amity Oregon

From: [Adrienne Marie](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:57:07 PM

My name is Adrienne Shaia and I ask you to Please NOT pass the house bill 3063. My family has lived and Eugene for 40 years. I opposed to this Bill for so many reasons. The reality behind it is a violation of our rights and freedoms as Americans. This bill segregates and discriminates against so many children and families that have suffered from vaccination injury. Children that will become displaced from their routines, their friends the schools they love. The state will lose money and people will leave. Oregon was supposed to be a progressive state open minded open hearted and welcoming to so many. That's why we see our economy, and housing thrive the way we do. This Bill takes away so much from our "safe" and loving State. Not to even bring up the backlash that will come from this. There is no way to catch up half these children that are unvaccinated and that amount of time listed in this bill and to deny them education is a violation of civil rights and opens doors for lawsuits against the state. Injury will happen from so many vaccines at once to be updated it is even against CDC scheduling. This opens doors for lawsuits against the state. Many children that are in school are on a delayed vaccination schedule, this will remove over a hundred thousand children from public schools if parents comply with CDC recommendations on vaccination schedules and not the law in this Bill. This Bill is not just against Pro and anti vaccinations, because many people that vaccinate still believe in my body my choice. This is so much more, this is a violation of our amendments, our rights, our bodies and our children's bodies and rights to deny Medical Care and consent. Oregonians came together and rose up in the movements when women felt violated, and this is the most intense violation and silencing of our pro-choice rights and now you include our children in this. I beg of you to consider what this is doing to people and their families and the financial liability Oregon will be faced with. This bill targets low income, single parents, and minorities this is Prejudiced and discriminatory. This bill cannot be passed, don't let Oregon be known and remembered as the state with the strictest mandate in history

From: [Heather Amaral](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063, Bend OR
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:52:45 AM

My name is Heather Amaral and I live in Bend, Oregon. I am writing you to Oppose HB3063, which eliminates all religious and philosophical exemptions to vaccination. I think there is an assumption among the writers, sponsors and supporters of this bill that the number of non-medical exemptions among children in Oregon will decrease. And while this may be true to a very small degree, the majority of the over 31,000 children this bill affects will leave the public and private schools and very possibly the state of Oregon. I have 3 children; two that utilize the public school system and one that attends a private preschool. If this bill passes I WILL be quitting my job and either homeschooling them or moving to a state that does discriminate and allows them their right to a free and public education. The families fighting this bill are extremely passionate about maintaining the right to keep their kids healthy by making informed health care decisions. We won't be running out to get our kids vaccinated so they can attend school. It just WONT happen!. I know I speak for my family and thousands of other families when I say we have spent years researching vaccines, speaking to doctors and analyzing our own family health histories and we came to a very conscious, educated and science-based decision to either not vaccinate our children, to partially vaccinate them or to vaccinate them on an alternative schedule. This bill will have huge financial ramifications for Oregon and for the public and private school systems. Please vote No on HB3063. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather Amaral
Bend, Oregon

From: [Kathy Kraskov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Salem, Oregon - Oppose HB3063
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 11:56:41 AM

I oppose HB3063. This bill removes my right as an American citizen to exercise Religious Exemption as well as my right as a parent to make medical decisions for my children. With a son that has an IEP, we are left without options. This would have devastating on our family as the only option for us if this bill passes will be to move out of Oregon for my son to get an education that he is entitled to as an American citizen. Segregating our innocent children and removing the rights to our children's education is unconstitutional. Please I beg you, stand up for our medical freedom!

Dear Ways and Means Committee Members,

I am an Oregon resident who is very concerned about the financial impact to our state if HB 3063 is signed into law. If this bill passes, I would be forced to quit my job in order to homeschool my children. This is likely to happen with a majority of the families who are in the same boat as me. This will take revenue away from the state from our tax contributions. It will also take revenues away from the schools that our children currently attend. There are an estimated 31,000 plus students in Oregon who have at least one exemption for vaccines. Schools receive an average of \$13,000 per student from the state government. If all of those students no longer attend public schools, Oregon schools stand to lose approximately \$412 million dollars a year. There are many other financial implications that your committee should take into account as well. Not only will many parents be forced to quit work in order to homeschool their children, parents of younger children will be forced to quit work because their kids won't be allowed to attend daycare facilities. If a parent is no longer working, they will more than likely need to receive government assistance because of reduced income. In addition, the economy will suffer with less people working because people will have less money to spend. Many childcare providers and teachers will also have to quit work because their children aren't 100% vaccinated. Many families will be forced to move out of the state because they feel it is of the utmost importance to provide a public education for their children. This will result in small family owned businesses leaving the state and less tax revenue from income taxes and real-estate taxes. Lastly, the implementation of the exclusion clauses in this bill will also be costly and time consuming to manage. There are many far-reaching, negative, financial impacts that this bill will create. I urge you to vote NO on HB 3063. Our beautiful state of Oregon cannot afford the implementation costs and other financial consequences of this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Jasmyne Chandler
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From: knightcap1178@aol.com
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Subject: Regarding HB 3063
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:15:40 PM

Dear Committee,

I would like to voice my concern about an issue before you. A representative in Connecticut (Liz Linehan) mentioned recently that families just don't have the facts when it comes to vaccines and Senator Adam Schiff asked social media, online giants like Amazon, YouTube and Pinterest to remove anything with facts (even if verifiable) that shed light on or question vaccine safety. Oftentimes, it's feared that parents are unwittingly making poor vaccine decisions based on facebook memes or youtube videos that lack credible sources. Here are some bits of information that do not come from mommy blogs or hysterical facebook posts:

The CDC recently stated that the U.S. children's vaccination rate remains "high and stable"
(<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6740a4.htm>)

Meanwhile, the CDC also stated that the vaccination rate among adults in the US is low, stating, "Many adults in the United States have not received recommended vaccinations."
(<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/adultvaxview/pubs-resources/NHIS-2016.html>)

WHY THEN, are you considering removing exemptions for children when the real threat is adults?

When referring to a measles outbreak in a school of children who were 100% vaccinated, the CDC also stated, "This outbreak demonstrates that transmission of measles can occur within a school population with a documented immunization level of 100%."
(<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00000359.htm>)

You can't vaccinate more than 100%. Your committee is reviewing a bill that seeks to remove individual liberties based on the false hope that increasing our already very highly vaccinated children will somehow prevent these outbreaks. With all due respect, I know you wish that parents would stop reading facebook and to instead get their information from the CDC but, we do get our information from the CDC and while the CDC does recommend vaccinating, the facts on their website don't support the notion that removing exemptions and mandating vaccinations in order to increase child vaccination rates is a sustainable solution for American's well being.

Just last month, an outbreak occurred in a LA county school (Harvard Westlake) where 50 students fell ill with whooping cough. Though 18 out of their 1,600 students were unvaccinated, none of the unvaccinated brought the whooping cough in nor did they catch it – the unvaccinated children are not spreading it. All 50 of the ill children are vaccinated and THEY happen to be the ones spreading it. In fact, all 90 people in LA county who caught whooping cough are vaccinated. Please ask why and how that could happen before you vote on this bill.

I want our children to be protected as much as they possibly can be, too! The only way I could support this bill would be if the vaccines did not come with the risk reflected in Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System where under-reporting is a widely-admitted issue (less than 1% of adverse reactions are even reported per research published by the US department of Health and Human Services during a study funded by the CDC, see source below). Surely by now you have heard the countless stories of children who have been harmed by a vaccine (and if you haven't, please do because the number is significant) I'd be glad to share mine if you are interested. Vaccine injuries do happen - and they are not as rare as we've been led to believe. Surely by now you are aware that the "safety studies" on these vaccines have never used placebos and are only vaccines tested against other vaccines in which the control group still received the adjuvants which children are reacting to – this does not inspire confidence in parents and leads to a dynamic of medical force instead of simply improving vaccine safety and reporting systems which would naturally lead parents to have more confidence in vaccines thereby increasing rates with ease.

Removing exemptions to keep unvaccinated children out of schools is not to punish them. It is strictly for the safety of others because an unvaccinated individual is considered a public health threat. The children in school who have medical exemptions, although their paperwork looks different, their vaccination status is the same as any other unvaccinated child who uses a different exemption and, not as a punishment but as a precaution, the medically exempt should be kept out of schools as well. The only thing that differs between them these children is the paperwork and measles doesn't discriminate so if one is a threat...so is the other. Also, those who are considered to be "non-responders" (the portion of the population who get vaccinated but never do develop immunity) although it's no fault of theirs, it's just a phenomenon that occurs whether we like it or not, it isn't a punishment but, they too, should not be allowed to enroll in school because they present the same dangers as any unvaccinated child - they, too, are walking around unprotected and pose the same threat. We can easily test students' titers to see if they developed immunities after their vaccines. Likewise, any adult who hasn't received all recommended vaccines (flu, tetanus, diphtheria, HPV, shingles, MMR and Pneumococcal) and the CDC says there are many, should not be allowed in schools whether they are a parent volunteer, a teacher's aid or a grandparent coming to see their little one in the holiday program. Not a punishment. A safety precaution. If you don't agree that we need to exclude all of these individuals from schools then you are proposing to exclude only certain individuals because you don't like their non-compliance of a medical procedure involving risk, and not because they are truly a health threat, and that is downright draconian. If one of them is a threat and must be kept out, then ALL people who can't show immunity much be kept out.

I would like you to know that in an article written in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons (again, not facebook or an anti-vax documentary on youtube), this medical publication reminds us that "The safety of CDC's childhood vaccination schedule was never affirmed in clinical studies. Vaccines are administered to millions of infants every year, yet health authorities have no scientific data from synergistic toxicity studies on all combinations of vaccines that infants are likely to receive. National vaccination campaigns must be supported by scientific evidence. No child should be subjected to a health policy that is not based on sound scientific principles and, in fact, has been shown to be potentially dangerous."
(<https://www.jpands.org/vol21no2/miller.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0rU5zPrSN-qfh3XtUVuvFDMjD-QvcrnJSTsFnYIUf3jfMBHiBR4zKdoDs>)

In the last 9 years since my three daughters have been born, there have been 21 vaccine recalls. In part, I am comforted to know that vaccines are being monitored enough to catch mistakes, but at the same time it shows just how easily vaccines are influenced by human error and that is of little comfort AFTER something goes wrong. These recalls alone are enough reason to allow Americans to make a choice about whether they are comfortable subjecting themselves to these risks. The latest recall I know of was February 2019 in my tristate area where improperly stored vaccines were used on the public and unintentionally CAUSED infections they hoped to prevent

(among them were whooping cough, flu and hepatitis A spreading in our community - all of which can be fatal or permanently debilitating) before the error was caught.

<https://local12.com/news/local/contaminated-vaccines-distributed-in-kentucky-ohio-and-indiana?fbclid=IwAR1kSDsmDdMXOyS7o6ysbw0ikNb6jldhwdyQrBLOOUiRirexHvha1Y4yIJM>

The US has recalled several vaccines and drugs that were considered safe and effective according to the FDA only to learn in hindsight that they have been harming people. Other countries have known these vaccines haven't been studied properly in addition to the fact that so many parents are telling you that their children are reacting, it is troubling that you could consider mandating their use across the board without first insisting on liability from pharmaceutical companies and without first insisting that they begin safety studies on vaccines using, at the very least, the same standards they use with other pharmaceuticals – a double blinded, randomized, saline placebo controlled trials. The conclusion published in this valued journal full of experts that we should listen to is that, "Combining Childhood Vaccines at One Visit is Not Safe". However, that is exactly what these combination shots are (DTaP, MMR+V) and it is exactly what you seem to support. No parent, even if they wanted to get their child up to date on vaccines, has the freedom to obtain these vaccines in single doses for their child. You either get the combo shots (as my source above states is not safe) or you risk losing rights. Your attempt to strong arm these citizens who have already seen vaccine injury within their families, as I have, is incredibly uncaring and ultimately a potentially dangerous mandate for many, many children. There are valuable dissenting views on this subject but the most recent publicized hearing on removing vaccine exemptions chose to listen to Ethen Lindenberg (hardly an expert, a teenage social media strategist who happened to remain very healthy all of his unvaccinated life but now supports vaccination), three doctors all of the same pro-mandating persuasion and one CEO. The lack of thought diversity in this group ensures a very one-sided and incomplete discussion. If you're not listening to the dissenting experts then you are clearly ploughing through with ulterior motives and you don't hold the health of the American people and our children as your priority. I implore you to look into both sides of this issue. Examine vaccine safety and vaccine injury. Listen to the experts on both sides before you attempt this egregious over-reach.

Until you can explain studies like these that show a very concerning trend in high birth rate along with high number of required vaccines (most notably combo vaccines) then it would be absolutely reckless and irresponsible to vote for a bill that removes exemptions. Parents are paying attention to these peer reviewed studies. Parents are reading the information on the CDC website and in medical journals. The conclusion, at best, is that the science is NOT settled.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3170075/>

Why are panicking over this relatively small amount of measles? Why did we NOT panic in the 80's when vaccine coverage was closer to 60% and we had measles cases in the thousands? What is the core difference from 1988 to 2019 other than now, we know we can treat measles with vitamin A to avoid complications but in the 80's we did not?

In a sample year of 1988, CDC showed more than 3,000 cases of measles but it wasn't all over the news with scary warnings. Americans were not freaking out. Legislation wasn't being proposed. Americans were only vaccinating for MMR at a measly rate of 61% during that year and there was no rush to force our school children to get more shots.

NOW, the US MMR vaccination coverage has soared to upwards of 90% and has been for at least 25 years! But, we're suddenly and curiously in a panic about relatively few measles cases (349 in 2018), zero deaths and a highly-vaccinated population??? Please ask yourself if recent measles outbreaks have you fearful because either you've been conditioned by the media to be afraid - or if it has you proposing legislation because you have been persuaded by entities that have a glaring conflict of interest who want you to fuel the panic for them? FDA medical advisor, Dr. Raeford Brown recently stated that "Congress is owned by pharma." and let the American people know that "The pharmaceutical industry pours millions of dollars into the legislative branch every single year." It concerns him because, "Congress is to have oversight for the FDA, If the FDA isn't going to hold pharma accountable, and Congress is getting paid to not hold pharma accountable..." Considering congress struggles to listen to expert dissenting views on vaccines and this statement by an insider who witnesses a troubling lack of oversight for the FDA, this manufactured panic is starting to make more sense, if it has to do with appeasing big pharma over protecting American's safety and rights. Review the past decades of measles cases reported on the CDC website and compare them to the last 2 years when we've been villainizing the few who opt out of vaccines while vaccinated children and adults spread disease and while we continue to have high and stable rates of vaccine coverage among U.S. children. Really look and then be more clear to the American people about why you think this is suddenly a threat worth encroaching on our rights.

https://news.yahoo.com/congress-big-pharma-money-123757664.html?ncid=facebook_yahoonewsf_akfmevatca&guccounter=1&fbclid=IwAR2Gfga7aqu9bFnHJKmnkNiYgXFWs4czD2dknofGWTsVAPvwS1WQDY0Pqz0

CDC's Pink Book data, link source, handy graphic below:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/appdx-full-e.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0Qim5DXE-uwHYHtK1rKAHC4J7T5vSDTbGrbCGzfD7zW7Sif4lv0j54c_0

From a study that was commissioned and paid for by the CDC, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released grant funded research in 2010 by Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Inc. that concluded adverse reactions are much more common than we've been led to believe:

"Adverse events from vaccines are common but underreported, with less than one percent reported to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Low reporting rates preclude or delay the identification of "problem" vaccines, potentially endangering the health of the public. New surveillance methods for drug and vaccine adverse effects are needed. Proactive, spontaneous, automated adverse event reporting embedded within electronic medical records (EMRs) and other information systems has the potential to speed the identification of problems with new vaccines and yield more careful quantification of the risks of older ones."

And

"A total of 1.4 million vaccine doses (of 45 different vaccines) were given to 376,452 individuals. Of these doses, 35,570 possible reactions (2.6 percent of vaccinations) were identified. This is an average of 1.3 events per clinician per month. The team concluded that it is possible to automatically detect adverse events in defined ways, and to electronically report them."

When the researchers determined the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS) was seriously flawed and wanted to move forward with their study in pursuit of improving reporting systems, CDC stopped cooperating. "Unfortunately, there was never an opportunity to perform system performance assessments because the necessary CDC contacts were no longer available and the CDC consultants responsible for receiving data were no longer responsive to our multiple requests to

proceed with testing and evaluation"

<https://healthit.ahrq.gov/ahrq-funded-projects/electronic-support-public-health-vaccine-adverse-event-reporting-system>

In conclusion – there is no reason to take rights away based on today's low measles numbers or our extremely high level of vaccine coverage. There is also no reliable way to track just how many children are reacting to vaccines given our difficult reporting system that only catches less than 1% of adverse events related to vaccines. We cannot truthfully tell the American people that vaccines are so safe that reactions are only "1 in a million" as is often told to vaccine hesitant parents and we cannot say that we are teetering anywhere NEAR the level of vaccine coverage that would cost us herd immunity benefits. We were first told we needed vaccine coverage at 80% to reach herd immunity and we did that, pretty easily. But, it didn't work. So the goal post was moved. And then when that didn't work, it was moved again. It seems congress won't stop until they attain 100% vaccine coverage but, given the information above FROM the CDC...even that will not work. See Harvard Westlake example, see CDC quote about a measles outbreak in 100% vaccinated community and so on. Not everyone develops immunity and vaccines do fail sometimes. Disease will always be here. You can quiet it down in cycles but these strains have always mutated and out-smarted out vaccines and they will continue to do so.

With that said, I understand the fear that our population might become so distrustful of vaccines that our vaccine coverage rates could dip down to 60% the way they were in the 80's. It would be wise, then, to increase public trust by insisting on transparency, as well as a creating a reliable reporting system and to fund studies involving a double blinded saline placebo instead of relying on *current* study methods which is only to test one vaccine with questionable adjuvants against another vaccine with questionable adjuvants. Then and only then will you achieve compliance from the American people.

Please consider this analogy when you think about vaccines as a one-size-fits-all medicine and remember that there is a decent portion of the population who doesn't fare so well and it's worth looking into why, before forcing them to give it a shot:

"Peanut Allergies

I want to set something straight. Peanut allergies don't exist. Peanuts are safe. You can believe what you want, but my parents and myself have always had peanuts just fine, and my siblings have peanuts and they're fine, too. They wouldn't sell them if they weren't safe!

If you think your child has had a reaction to peanuts, it was probably just an unrelated coincidence and you should definitely keep giving them and all their siblings peanuts." - A Mother of a Vaccine Injured Child

Thank you for your time,

Emily Friend

From: [Amanda Panda](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Bend
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:42:49 PM

Dear Joint Ways & Means Committee members,

I am giving testimony in reference to HB 3063. Upon examination I cannot see how this bill would be fiscally wise for our state or be in line with the guiding principals you have published on government website. The principals that apply to my testimony are:

- Align spending with the desire to meet critical needs and provide long-term budget stability.
- Prioritize K-12 education funding and the Oregon Health Plan. Evaluate all other expenditures based on their short-term and long-term outcomes.
- Maintain a prudent level of resources to guard against program and service reductions in the event of economic downturns in future biennia.

In the opening statement of your : 2019-21 Co-Chair Balanced Budget – A Multi-Biennial Plan It states: Oregon continues to face a structural deficit for the 2019-21 biennium that is projected to worsen in the 2021-23 and 2023-25 biennia. No matter the cause, these deficits threaten vital services to vulnerable Oregonians, education funding, the Oregon Health Plan, and ensuring our workforce has the tools and supports they need to succeed. We cannot continue to provide the same level of service or meet future critical needs by staying on the same course we have been on for over a decade.

So knowing that our state is in very murky economic water begs some greater perspective on the impact of HB3063 under the education category.

- If 31,000 students are forced to leave the public school system \$403,000,000 million dollars goes with them.
- Our special ed, head start, charter and magnet school programs would see the greatest impact from this bill as percentages of unvaccinated children are higher in these types of programs
- Using only our charter and magnet schools as examples In Bend we would see a loss of over 10 million dollars to public education
- HB 3063 also includes all school/student sponsored activities. This impacts all afterschool programs, daycare facilities (public and private) Our Parks and Rec centers, our libraries our non-profits organizations like to Boys and Girls Club.

The provision for HB3063 for non/under vaccinated children is online education. Again you have publically stated that your goal is to have a budget plan that spends resources wisely to meet the needs of all. How does segregating a small group of children meet this goal. The required resources to educate, provide health/meal services, meet the needs for those requiring special education. So many underprivileged families rely on resources available through the school to meet some of these basic needs.

The comments from legislators in support of HB3063 when confronted with the economic impact is that funds will just be re-allocated. But my greater concern is from where?

The other issues to be examined are the bearings on private business. Throughout our State there are thousands of childcare, early learning programs, private and parochial schools. Every single one of these business will be impacted. As private businesses or non-profits they receive zero funding from the state or federal government for childcare or education.

As an example my children attend the Waldorf School of Bend in Bend that is a 501 c 3 non profit Independent school.

- Of their student population PreK-8th grade 48% of the student population would be impacted by this bill. This translates into OVER A HALF OF A MILLION DOLLAR LOSS to the school.
- This represents over half of their operating budget. The school is funded solely by tuition and donations they receive from the community. The school presently fundraises 20% of its operating budget. There is no endowment fund at WSB .

- The passage of this bill would essentially close the doors to the school and jeopardize the employment of over 30 fulltime/part time employees.

The other factors to consider that this bill will impact are:

- Loss of taxable income due to parents leaving the workforce.
- Loss of citizenship as people leave the state due to the
- Loss of revenue from private business effected by this bill.

The question I leave you with is this: Is passing HB3063 going to contribute to the financial health of our beautiful state? Are you willing to support legislation that will devastate public education and potentially drive the structural deficit you face into the ground? I urge you to oppose HB3063.

Sincerely,

Amanda Larkin - A voter in Cheri Helt's district that is not being represented by Ms. Helt. My husband and I will remember that when you are up for re-election.

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From: [Kristin Bergh](#)
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Subject: written testimony
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:51:16 PM

Ways and Means committee members,

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony. My name is Kristin Bergh and I am the mom of 3 small children. I am also a small business owner and former Oregon public high school science teacher of eight years with half of my time devoted here in Bend, Oregon where we reside. I am asking that you vote NO on HB 3063 which the Oregon economy, our schools and personally our family cannot afford.

I left the classroom to stay home with our children and more recently help get our business off the ground running. However, the passing of HB 3063 would force our family to leave Oregon, and relocate our business to another state. There are not enough hours in the day to educate my children full time and run a business with my husband who also serves a vital role at OSU Cascades as the director of transportation and sustainability. There are many other families who would be forced to do the same resulting in a great loss of income and productivity here in Oregon.

In good conscience I could not isolate my kindergarten age daughter and subsequently younger two children from everything they love over an issue they have no control over. I just don't know how you look a 5 year old in the face and explain to her that she has been banned from:

- attending school of any kind this fall
- playing community sports (school grounds)
- attending the annual daddy/daughter dance (school grounds)
- attending the local nutcracker and another community events (school grounds)

I think the biggest blow of all would be banning her from attending our church because our church also hosts a preschool. I type all of this in tears and disbelief that the state of Oregon, which many believe to be one of the most progressive and inclusive states in the country is trying to bring back segregation in 2019.

My children along with many other families in the state of Oregon have had to delay vaccines due to family health issues. While it has not been easy or convenient, our family carefully chose this path in partnership with several health care providers whom we see on

a regular basis. We aren't trying to make a statement, prove a point, or be anti-vaxxers, we are just trying to give our children the best life possible based upon their unique and individual health needs. My children should not be denied an education because I was not given informed consent when my dentist gave me several mercury fillings at the age of 25 without discussing any possible risks or side effects. Following these fillings I experienced debilitating health issues which included heavy metal poisoning (mercury) and the triggering of 3 autoimmune diseases, one of which is an inherited disease. It took over 5 years to get a diagnosis and an additional 3 years of treatment to be able to even get pregnant. Injecting foreign fetal DNA or heavy metals (aluminum/mercury) into my susceptible children when their immune systems are still very immature could have devastating impacts on their health. As it stands, my children would not qualify for a medical exemption.

While Oregon has a very high vaccination rate of over 97% and is above the necessary herd immunity threshold for all vaccine "preventable" diseases, there are currently around 32,000 students missing one or more vaccines who are on the brink of being excluded from public school, private school, and even charter/homeschool co-ops. This bill would cost Oregon schools an additional loss on the upwards of \$400 million dollars if parents had to pull their kids from school to either home school their children or move out of state to retain their children's educational and medical freedom's. As I listened to the testimonies provided by local teachers and administrators in Central Oregon today, I failed to hear any mention of how measles or other vaccine preventable diseases were tearing apart their classrooms or the families of their students. Instead I heard the pleading of educators for more funding to deal with the true crisis our schools are facing: large classes sizes, lack of counselors and mental health professionals, poverty, suicide, disruptive students, overworked teachers...etc. Oregon schools cannot afford to have these students removed their budgets and these children cannot afford the unfair isolation.

Partially and unvaccinated children have not created a state of emergency for schools by any stretch of the imagination. Of the handful of cases of measles that have occurred in Oregon this year, NONE of the cases were spread in schools or churches and all of them were tied to an overseas contact. Unless we are going to place a travel ban around our country, vaccinating the final 2.6% of children will not change infectious disease rates at all. Let's also not forget to mention that over half of our adult population is not up to date on their boosters.

Oregon became a refuge from those fleeing SB 277 in California which in turn also helped boost our economy, especially here in Central Oregon. Such a heavy handed and overreaching bill would impact local economies by not only forcing people out but also deterring people from moving here. Oregon has always protected its minorities even when at times it makes the majority uncomfortable. It is who we are. This bill flies in the face of everything Oregon stands for and will have potentially devastating effects on local

economies, schools, families, and the very people you are trying to protect....CHILDREN.
Please vote no on HB 3063.

Sincerely,
Kristin Bergh

From: [Elise Anderson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:21:37 AM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

The bill HB 3063 is weighing heavily on my heart and mind as a mother of 4, and caring community member. I've heard that you are in support of it, so I'd like to share some of my concerns and hope you will listen, research, and rethink the quality of this bill and keep it from going through just as Washington recently has with their similar bill.

First... the bill declares a state of emergency due to measles outbreak. That seems incredibly irrational when actual cases of measles are so low. From OHA, "2019 Measles Information. There have been 4 confirmed measles cases in Oregon related to an outbreak in Washington state. Three additional cases are not linked to the outbreak. Most Oregonians have been vaccinated against measles, and their risk is low."

So, declaring a state of emergency that excludes approximately 31,000 children that aren't 100 percent vaccinated from their right to an education, when mandates of exclusion are already in place in case of exposure, seems very extreme. The bill doesn't even separate the measles vaccine out from others when each vaccine should have its own mandates due to efficacy, illness's contagion, risk, and outbreak levels. One sweeping bill due to false emergency is unwise and unsafe for vulnerable bodies. The more real emergency is the rise in children with severe allergies, cancers, learning disabilities, autism, and autoimmune disorders. When we look into the ingredients of vaccines, and their individual effects on the body, there are many correlations that need more rigorous study before becoming mandatorily injected into our bodies.

Second, our schools could suffer horribly with the fallout of people refusing to be pushed into a medical treatment that they feel puts their child at risk for a lifetime of suffering greater than the risk of contracting these illnesses. Can our schools handle a massive pullout? I worry greatly for the beautiful private school my son goes to. I worry my teacher friends will lose their jobs, and that class sizes will grow even more and that the quality will decline. I live in Ashland, and my children have mostly attended public schools for the past 19 years. I love all of our schools and want the best for them. The financial risks of this bill are too great.

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Thank you,
Elise Anderson

OHA 2018 Data for Oregon K-12 vaccine rates per vaccine and Herd Immunity Threshold

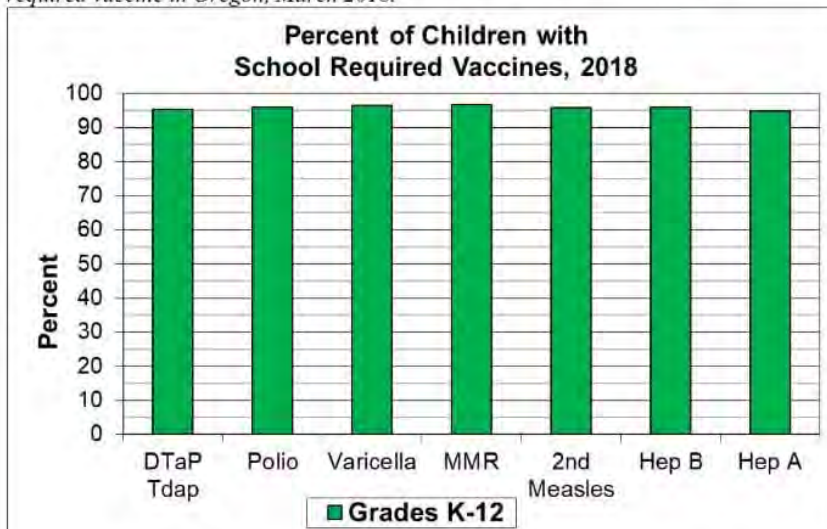
Disease	Transmission	Ro	Herd Immunity Threshold	**Percent Vaccinated in Oregon in 2018	Exceeds Threshold by at least %
Diphtheria	Saliva	6-7	85%	95.3%	10.3%
Measles	Airborne	12-18	83-94% /95%	95.9-96.7%	0.9-1.7%
Mumps	Saliva	4-7	75-86%	96.7%	10.7%
Pertussis	Airborne	12-17	92-94%	95.3%	1.3%
Polio	Fecal-oral	5-7	80-86%	95.9%	9.9%
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*Chicken Pox	Airborne/lesions		86-91%	96.5%	5.5%

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**OHA Data 2018- Percent of students complete for school required vaccines, grades K-12

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MORE THAN ONE HALF OF ALL AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE CHRONICALLY SICK:

<http://fearlessparent.org>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21058170>

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Causal relationship between vaccine induced immunity and autism

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12849883>

Subtle DNA changes and the overuse of vaccines in autism

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Vaccine and Autism- a New Scientific Review

<http://www.cbsnews.com/.../vaccines-and-autism-a-new-scienti.../>

Summary of previous Journal of Immunology

<http://danmurphydc.com/.../01/AR-10-12-rata-AUTISM-VACCINE.pdf>

Autism and Resulting Medical Conditions:

<http://www.tacanow.org/.../2.../09/autism-studies-april-2008.pdf>

Mercury toxic encephalopathy manifesting with clinical symptoms of regressive autistic disorders. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17454560>

Relation of mercury to high autism rates in boys <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16264412>

Elevated levels of measles in children with Autism <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12849883>

Abnormal MMR antibodies in children with autism <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

From: [Cristianne Souza](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Opposed HB 3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:32:17 AM

Hello, my name is Cristianne Souza. I am a mother of two. I'm writing to you in hopes you can help oppose HB 3063. If this bill passes a countless number children will have their educational rights removed from them. I like many other parents are very worried about the future of our children. It's our right as parents to do what is best for our children. I have legal exemptions for my children in order for them to attend school. Now my children will not only lose that it doesn't seem like they would even be able to do home school. My son has a vaccine injury that is ignored by every doctor he has seen. He was even deny therapy that is much needed for him. I had to take him to private facilities for the care his doctors denied him. Now at age 6 he has 4 speech disorders. And if it wasn't for me never giving up and getting him the care he desperately needed who knows where he would be. I'm scared for him to ever just vaccines again. I'm scared for my youngest child, how do I know the same thing wouldn't happen to her. I don't. That's not a risk I can take. 1 size fits all for vaccines has not worked. Mother's like me are bullied, harassed, and ridiculed on a daily basis. I have death threats sent to me and my children for simply telling our families story. This topic is very one sided with the opposed side rarely at best being heard. We are the minority that is being dragged through the mud. And we will all keep trying if it mean protecting our children. Please help the future of Oregon and do not let HB 3063 pass. Thank you for your time.
Cristianne Souza

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone

From: [Bethany Penhall](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063 - Impact on Fellow Oregonian in Bend
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:59:21 AM
Attachments: [CDC and OHA FACTS.pdf](#)
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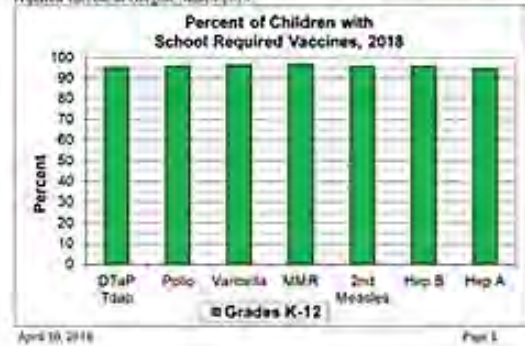
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This chart was provided to governor Kate Brown by The Oregon Health Authority in April 2018, showing high vaccination rates for all school required vaccines.

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This graph shows MMR vaccination rates in Oregon since 1995 (chart provided by the CDC). There has never been a decline in MMR vaccination rates in Oregon. According to OHA, the measles vaccination rate is currently 95.6% for K-12 students.



Source: Centers for Disease Control, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination coverage among children 19-35 months by state, HHS region, and the United States, National Immunization Survey-Child (NIS-Child), 1995 through 2017.

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2018	7.5%	4.1%	5.2%	2.6%
2017	8.5%	3.6%	4.7%	2.3%
2016	6.2%	3.3%	4.1%	2.0%

Source: Oregon Health Authority Immunization Program

FACT:

The data counting vaccine exemptions constantly confuses the issue, and OHA knows why exemptions are up since 2000

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Nearly 31,500 students claimed non-medical exemptions in Oregon in 2017, or 5.2%. But only 2.6% of children are unvaccinated. How could that be? There are 23 vaccinations required to attend school in Oregon. If your child gets 22 of 23 vaccines, they are counted as "exempt" for the 1 missing vaccine. How can vaccination rates remain high while exemptions rise? The OHA knows the answer, because they explained it in one of their reports:

"When other vaccines have been added as school immunization requirements, non-medical exemption rates have increased for all vaccines."

Since 2000, nine additional vaccines have been added to the schedule by OHA. Exemptions are a product of administrative burden and complexity, and parents "catch-up" with time. This is why you can have a kindergarten exemption rate of 7.5%, but an unvaccinated rate of only 2.6% (see OHA table above).

Co chair Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, Rayfield, and members of the Ways and Means committee,

I am providing my written testimony on behalf of my sister Janey who died from an allergic reaction to the MMR vaccine in opposition to HB 3063. I am also writing to you today on behalf of the 31,521 students in Oregon with a non-medical exemption to one or more vaccine who are currently enrolled in public schools, private schools, charter schools, day care, preschool, parks and recreation classes, home school co-ops, after school activities, and school sports clubs. Even churches that hold preschool classes during the week will have to limit their congregation to only people who can or choose to vaccinate.

During the most recent Health Care Committee work session it was stated that each school district is allowed 3% enrollment for online public school. **There simply isn't enough space for all children with an exemption to transfer to online public schooling.** If all 31,521 children with an exemption in Oregon were denied a public education this would result in an **annual funding loss of \$419,859,720** as minimum. This is based off the current number of exemptions and an estimate of funding from Cascade Policy data of \$13,320 per student. This is not inclusive of the extra funding for children with an IEP which would also be denied a public education. As we know, those children receive more funding than those without an IEP. Oregon schools are notoriously underfunded and have a deplorable graduation rate compared to the rest of the nation. We cannot fix this problem by taking away this sum each year. **How many teachers and staff will need to be laid off to accommodate this massive loss of funding? How many schools will close entirely because there aren't enough children enrolled? How many parents will have to quit work to home school their children? How many of those parents will apply for public assistance that wouldn't otherwise to deal with the loss of their income?**

Only 2.6% of K-12 students in Oregon have an exemption to one or more vaccines which is well within the rate needed for herd immunity. Since 1995 Oregon's vaccination rate for the MMR vaccine has remained steady. According to the OHA the measles vaccination rate is 95.6% for K-12 students. Many parents object to the Hepatitis B vaccination routinely given to newborns immediately after birth even if the mother tested negative and the newborn isn't participating in sexual activity or intravenous drug use. Delaying this vaccine would deny the child a public education. Parents that have experienced a vaccine injury or death with a sibling might decide to space out vaccines and follow a delayed schedule for their other children. Even though the other child is receiving all their vaccines over a longer period this would deny the sibling a public education and that child could not attend any school functions of their vaccine injured sibling. There would be no school "Family Fun Nights" or watching their sibling perform in a band concert. Medical exemptions in Oregon are among the most difficult to obtain in the United States. **Family history of death due to vaccination does not preclude someone from receiving a vaccine.** In fact, you must encounter a vaccine injury before a medical exemption is granted by the OHA. In my case, **I will not risk the life of my child just to see if he will die from the vaccine like my sister.** My parents opted to not vaccinate me at all as they couldn't handle the loss of another child to vaccines, but if this bill passes I could volunteer at my son's former school as a non-vaccinated adult. **The risk of vaccinating in my family far outweighs the benefits, but we cannot get a medical exemption.** My son will not only be ripped away from his friends and teachers will be denied the services in his IEP. He will

no longer have access to a **Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)** and described under **the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**. **This bill unfairly targets children with disabilities that will not have access to their special education services otherwise.** Low income families that cannot afford outside services will be left with no options for their disabled children. **The cost of litigation that will certainly come as a direct result of denying disabled children a FAPE will be extremely high.**

Parks and Recreation buildings that provide preschool classes will have to deny access to children that participate in other classes at the building. This means that Susie, who is missing one vaccine because her brother had a bad vaccine reaction and whose parents decided to skip that vaccine for her, will have to stop going to the local parks and recreation ballet class that she's been attending for a year because during the week the same building hosts preschool classes. So many children rely on services that parks and recreation buildings host for a variety of reasons. Children who wouldn't have access to sports or arts programs otherwise would not only be denied a public education, but to enrichment classes that happen to be offered in a building that hosts a preschool. **This bill is essentially creating over 31,000 latchkey children that would have otherwise been in a safe learning environment.** Education is one of the most effective crime deterrents available. It is no secret that Oregon is in a crisis with homelessness and crime. Keeping children off the streets and in school reduces criminality and improves the labor market. The ACLU of Northern California reports "**High school graduation can reduce violent crime by 20%, property crime by 11%, and drug crimes by 12%.**" (2008) This bill is essentially pushing children, especially disabled children and children of color, in to the juvenile justice system and setting them up for a lifetime of failure through no fault of their own. **Access to public education is not a tool to be used for punishment for noncompliance.** These are innocent children who have made no choices in their healthcare, but they are the individuals who are being **directly impacted and punished by this bill for the rest of their lives.**

There have been no cases of Measles reported in Oregon schools relating to the Vancouver cases. Oregon's vaccination rate is already high enough to prevent an outbreak of Measles that is just across the river. Our current procedures work, and this is proof. This bill not only affects healthy non-vaccinated children, but every child in Oregon. **It not only denies a public education to 31,521 children it strips away funding and resources for every schoolchild in Oregon.** I urge you to look at the financial impact that this will have not only on the 31, 521 children with an exemption to a vaccine, but to focus on the impact on the children that this bill leaves behind.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Allen

From: [Stefanie Miller](#)
To: [Stefanie Miller](#)
Subject: I oppose HB 3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:38:21 AM

The following is from a good friend of mine she thoughtfully explains some very significant points in regards to this legislation

The bill HB 3063 is weighing heavily on my heart and mind as a mother of 4, and caring community member. I've heard that you are in support of it, so I'd like to share some of my concerns and hope you will listen, research, and rethink the quality of this bill and keep it from going through just as Washington recently has with their similar bill.

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There is so much more to this, but I'll leave off with just these points to consider. I have respect for you and your work and I beg that you stop supporting this unethical and unwise bill.

Stefanie Miller IBCLC
International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

From: [Tanya Johnson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:45:32 AM

Hello Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Tanya Johnson and I live in Hillsboro, OR in the 97124 zip code. My home phone is 503-336-4189.

I strongly oppose HB 3063 because I believe in medical freedom and fighting for our kids' health. While for many people, vaccines will not cause immediately harmful or deadly side effects, there is a growing population, of children especially, who are susceptible to their immune systems being overwhelmed by the vaccine viruses and/or preservatives in them. This is because of the general increase in toxins and harmful ingredients in everything from our food to our skincare products, and the growing number of vaccines that we are injecting our children with at younger and younger ages.

In OR we passed Senate bill 695 to ban BPA from children's bottles and cups to prevent our children from becoming ill from that known endocrine disruptor. There are several preservatives, and even human fetal tissue, that are in our current vaccines that have NOT been tested in this role with a double blind placebo scientific study. Yet we are considering mandating that all children be injected with them. This is foolish.

Not to mention that with HB 3063 children are not allowed an exemption from the overwhelmingly large vaccine schedule unless they have a confirmed diagnosis. This does not allow for children who have a family history of, and thus a likely genetic disposition to, autoimmune diseases. Why would a parent, who knows the odds for a vaccine injury are increased for their child, vaccinate and just hope for the best? Shouldn't they use their minds to weigh the risks and benefits for their child just like they do for every other medical procedure?

The large pharmaceutical companies that produce these vaccines are undoubtedly super excited about HB3063....talk about job security! And yet, they have no accountability for what is in the vaccines or if they are safe or not. The Government covers their butts via the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program which has paid out over \$4 BILLION dollars in injury compensation since it's induction roughly 30 years ago. Also, the system of reporting adverse reactions, VAERS, is a passive surveillance system, which always has the major flaw of low percentages of reporting. So the percentage of people who have experienced vaccine related injury is way higher than even we have statistics on today.

YOU CANNOT MANDATE SOMETHING THAT HAS NO LIABILITY.

It is unethical and, especially when mixed up with political contributions by the very businesses that make the vaccines, despicable.

We CAN do better. In the 2017-2018 school year here in Oregon, of the 45,818 incoming kindergarteners 93.2% were fully MMR vaccinated, 92.4% had their DTap up to date, and 94.4% had at least one dose of Varicella vaccine (all that is required by our state). IF herd immunity exists, we already have it. Why divide our state over this issue? (See this CDC webpage for the statistics above in this paragraph: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6740a3.htm>)

Can you imagine how many people are going to pull their kids out of school if HB3063 passes!? How many will sue the schools/state for discrimination? Asking for tax money back, for compensation for needing one parent home to home school that usually works? And if it doesn't pass...guess what happens...nothing. We stay at a low to mid 90% vaccination rate for actual school spread diseases and everyone stays in school, learning, where they belong.

Instead of pushing vaccines that we KNOW aren't fully safe (see again the compensation pay out by the NVICP and all the reports to VAERS, even with the low reporting rate), let's start passing legislature to hold these companies accountable for the products they are making. Let's give pharmaceutical companies incentive to clean up and run real studies on the vaccines they are producing. Let's solve the real problem, instead of letting the corrupt current system continue.

Do your due diligence...find out who, of the representatives that are for this bill, have taken money from pharmaceutical companies. Exclude them from the right to vote based on conflict of interest. Maybe that is you? Be honest please. The future of our children depends on it!

Thank you for reading my opinion as a voting constituent of this state that I was born and raised in and am currently raising my three children in. This is so important of a decision to the health of our country, our state, and our own individual children.

Sincerely,

Tanya Linn Johnson

From: [Kari Adams](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 Bill - Opposition
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:34:21 PM

To whom it may concern -

My name is Kari Adams and I live in Hillsboro, OR in the 97123 zip code. My home phone is 503-329.7028.

I strongly oppose HB 3063 because I believe in medical freedom of choice. I am someone that has vaccinated on schedule for all of my children. That is my choice. I know of many friends who have delayed vaccinations, wanting to spread them out a bit, which I respect.

I actually agree and support with having airborne vaccinations for children, as long as there is not going to be medical issues for the child. But some children need to be exempt from it for medical and health issues, and their parents need the freedom to choose. Kicking those children out of school is DISCRIMINATION and the State of Oregon will be LIABLE for DSCRIMINATING CHILDREN.

I am struggling over the HPV vaccination recently released, and the mixed opinions out there on this. We are teaching our children the value of monogamy in sexual relationships in marriage. I personally do not want to put a vaccination in my child, fighting off an STD, that they may never be exposed to in their life. With HPV vaccinations I have seen different reports of them finding that it could cause women to be sterile when they are older. It seems that this vaccination needs A LOT more research done, and stats done, before it should even be considered to be enforced. HPV is NOT a vaccination against an airborne disease. I am opposed to this being enforced to our family. I struggled with infertility my whole marriage. We have adopted two children, had two bio children, and are in the process of adopting another child. The last thing I want to do, is give my child a HPV vaccination ignorantly, not knowing the full risks involved with it being so new, and from that decision, cause health issues in my children when they are grown up.

I want the HPV vaccination to be my CHILD's choice. Not Mine. Not the Government. If my child someday wants to get that vaccination, I want them to have the freedom to decide that for themselves.

You are saying by this bill you are considering passing, that if it goes through, and I do not want my children to get the HPV vaccination, I will need to pull my children out of school and keep them home.

That is ridiculous! They are not going to get HPV at school. NOR are they going to share it AT SCHOOL. There is no reason why a child who does not have the HPV vaccination should be

excluded from going to school. NO GROUNDS to stand on that.

So PLEASE REPRESENT the people! Please fight on our behalf, allowing us to make decisions for our children. My decision is I want MY CHILD to make the decision when they are of a good decision making age whether or not to get the HPV vaccination. IT'S their freedom this BILL is taking away. FIGHT for OUR CHILDREN.

Sincerely,

Kari Adams

From: [Elise Schroeder](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 Will affect my family personally - please vote NO
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 1:52:12 PM

I live in North Portland. If HB 3063 passes, my 5 year old will not be able to start kindergarten this fall. We will be forced to leave the state to access education for our son and Portland will lose active members of the community, 2 voters, and a family that invests in their local economy.

We are active members of the community. I am a health care provider and my partner is a software developer. We are part of a neighborhood babysitters co-op where we swap hours watching each other's children. We help with neighborhood clean-ups and have a strong sense of community. We shop local and support Portland's economy.

We decided to delay the vaccine schedule for our son because he has some health factors that could predispose him to reactions to the vaccines. We are on a delayed schedule for vaccines that separates the doses out to reduce the risk of side effects. He doesn't qualify for the medical exemption. If this bill passes, he won't be able to go to kindergarten. We will be forced to leave our community to find a place where he can go to school and also we can do the right thing for his personal health. This bill goes too far.

With medicine, there is no one-size-fits all. There should always be room for personalization. This bill does not allow for that.

If this bill passes, Portland will lose active members of the community, 2 voters, and my child will lose to opportunity to attend school within the community that we have built here.

Please VOTE no on HB 3063. This bill is too extreme!

Elise Schroeder
Portland, Oregon
concerned parent

Joint Committee on Ways & Means
SB 357

Testimony of Martina Gordon, Campaign for Equal Justice

March 15, 2019

(Good evening) Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and members of the Committee, my name is Martina Gordon. I live here in Pendleton and I serve as a client Board Member of LASO and OLC. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 357 to increase state funding for civil legal aid.

What is Legal Aid?

- Civil legal aid in Oregon ensures fairness for all in the justice system, regardless of how much money a person has. Legal aid provides essential services to low-income and vulnerable Oregonians who are faced with legal emergencies.
- Legal aid provides a range of services, including: legal assistance and representation, free legal clinics, pro bono assistance, and access to web based information, publications and court forms.
- Legal aid helps vulnerable people protect their livelihoods, their health and safety, and their families. Legal aid helps people know what their rights are and how to defend them.

Martina's Personal Testimony:

What is Legal Aid to me? Life. Legal Aid to me is life. I am a living breathing person in front of you today because of Legal Aid. Please let me give you a brief glimpse into my life.

(Highlights below, expand during testimony)

- ***Graduated High School in 1993***
- ***Married in 1996***
- ***Have two sons – born in 2002 and 2003***
- ***Finished my two year degree here at BMCC in approx. 10 years/graduating in 2003***
- ***Left the Pendleton Area in 2004 so my husband could pursue his college degree to become a paramedic at Chemeketa***
- ***Life started falling apart while living in Albany***
- ***My husband started abusing alcohol and pills***
- ***Became homeless, couldn't access shelters, had to swallow my pride and ask a co-worker to stay in her pick up camper in her yard***
- ***In 2007 I packed up my children and moved back home to Pendleton***
- ***In 2008 we filed for divorce. This is where Legal Aid became my saving grace.***
- ***My husband was very demeaning and stated that I would never make it without him.***
- ***Legal Aid assisted me in my divorce. When my husband tried to fight the child support amount, Legal Aid assisted me again and the judge actually raised the amount awarded by \$200 more a month.***
- ***In 2012 I was asked if I could take in my great niece who was born positive with Methamphetamines and other drugs in her system. I said yes.***
- ***In 2014 my niece had another child and we accepted her into our home as well. Born positive with meth and other drugs in her system.***

- ***In 2014 I applied for a home loan. My rent was getting raised for a second time in one year and I wanted to start paying on mortgage and get out of renting. A garnishment notice came to me and I was devastated because it could ruin my chance at getting a home for me and my children. I again turned to Legal Aid. It was from a credit card that wasn't paid by my husband has part of our divorce agreement. Legal Aid was able to assist me in getting the garnishment dismissed and I was actually awarded money in that case.***

If Legal Aid wasn't available to me, I wouldn't be here today. I was struggling as a human being with my own self-worth and confidence to make it through life. Legal Aid gave me a voice when I felt I did not have one or deserve one, for that matter. Back in 1993, I was so naïve. I never dreamed my life would take such a down turn. All that is behind me though. Now, I own my home, have a fabulous job and I'm raising my children in a healthy environment.

Barriers to Justice

- When people who are struggling to make ends meet lack legal representation, they are effectively shut out of the justice system. To the average person, our legal system is a maze. That is why legal aid lawyers are trained to guide their clients through the system.
- Judge Nan Waller, the former presiding Judge of the Multnomah County Circuit Court, used the analogy of a very sick person going to the hospital for medical help, being shown to an operating room and told to “go for it; all the tools you need are in the room, so operate on yourself.” A person who does not know what they are doing in the legal system without help, is just as lost as the person in the operating room.
- Having a justice system that is accessible only to those who can afford to pay for it is damaging to the rule of law, our communities, and to our entire democracy.

More funding is needed

- Approximately 1 in 5 Oregonians (807,000 people) have a household income at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that amounted to an income of \$31,375 or less last year.
- According to the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Study commissioned by the Oregon Access to Justice Coalition, 75% of survey participants live in a household that experienced at least one legal issue in the last year.
- Legal problems most often relate to basic human needs, such as: escaping abuse, finding adequate housing, maintaining income, living free from discrimination and accessing healthcare.
- People often suffer more than one problem at a time. According to the study, the average low-income household in Oregon experienced 5.4 civil legal problems in the last 12 months.
- For certain vulnerable populations, the legal needs are even greater. For example, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault survivors are:
 - 6.2 times more likely to be affected by homelessness.
 - 3 times more likely to be affected by an employment issue.
 - 2.1 times more likely to be affected by a rental issue.

- The need for legal aid is far greater than the resources available to provide help to those who need it. Nearly 85% of people with a legal problem who qualified for assistance, did not receive legal help of any kind.
- Legal aid is critical to rural communities in Oregon. Rural, low-income Oregonians face unique challenges in accessing legal services including the distance they must travel to a lawyer's office combined with the lack of affordable transportation options.
- Legal aid staff work countless hours traveling around large services areas to let people know help is available and to provide rural clients with effective legal assistance.
- Another important finding of the Civil Legal Needs Study was that even though homelessness is often perceived as an urban problem, it actually increases in prevalence the more rural a county is.
- Legal aid's work to protect tenants, prevent homelessness, and stand up for the rights of homeless individuals living in rural communities' matters.
- Legal aid is a state, federal, and private partnership. Legal aid receives funding from the State of Oregon, the federal government, Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA), private donations from the Campaign for Equal Justice, and many grants. Many of these sources of funding – most notably federal funding can be uncertain, going up and down like a roller coaster. State funding on the other hand has been a stable source of operational funding. SB357 builds on this stable foundation to allow legal aid to reach even more vulnerable people in need.

The Ask

- Brief statement about why you are passionate about access to justice for all Oregonians.
- Members of the Committee, I am here today to ask for your support of SB 357. Please vote to increase Oregon's investment in civil legal aid services. SB 357 increases operational funding and creates a consumer price index adjustment for legal aid. Your support for SB 357 will give legal aid the stability it needs to continue to help low-income and vulnerable Oregonians overcome barriers to justice.
- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today and thank you Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and members of the Committee, for your ongoing support of legal aid.

From: [Elyse Arezzini](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: No on HB3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:00:17 PM

Hello,

I am writing in opposition of HB3063. If this bill should pass, not only do we walk right into disrespecting the religious beliefs of others and taking away a parent's right to do what's best for their child, but we also seriously impact the funding for our schools.

Children are our future and the decreased school funding on state and federal levels, resulting from the withdrawal of tens of thousands of students whose families opt to homeschool or move out of state will devastate our educational system. Not to mention the administrative costs in implementing and enforcing HB 3063, especially those resulting from Representative Helt's amendment.

There is a better solution out there, let's work together to find it.

Sincerely,

Elyse Arezzini

Sent from my iPhone

DATE: March 16, 2019

TO: Joint Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Melanie Kebler, Bend attorney

SUBJECT: HB 2239, providing a new judge for Deschutes County Circuit Court (Eleventh Judicial District)

Thank you for holding this State Budget Community Hearing here in Redmond so that constituents from Central Oregon and other neighboring areas of Oregon can attend and speak to you about our priorities. I am testifying today in support of HB 2239, specifically the provision that would provide an additional judge for the Deschutes County Circuit Court.

My name is Melanie Kebler and I am an attorney working out of the Bend office of the nonprofit Oregon Crime Victims Law Center. My testimony here represents my own personal opinions as a career prosecutor and attorney for crime victims and does not reflect the opinions or positions of my employer. I passed the bar in 2008 and spent the beginning of my career working as a prosecutor on the coast and in the valley, specializing in the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes. Those crimes frequently involved child victims or child witnesses to crimes of abuse. I worked closely with victims of crime who keenly felt the effects of being exposed to trauma, either directly or indirectly. The victims I worked with often experienced symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and depression because of the crimes committed against them. Remember that these victims were thrust into the criminal justice system through no fault of their own, and had very little control over how the criminal case proceeded. Court delays for the victims of crime that I worked with were excruciating and could exacerbate their trauma symptoms, not to mention make my cases more difficult to prove as witness memories faded, children grew up, and the families torn apart by trauma attempted to move on with their lives. However, moving on was an impossible task when a pending trial continued to loom over their life for many many months, or even years. As a prosecutor, I witnessed first hand the detrimental effect that a slow court system has on victims of crime.

When I transitioned to working for the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, I began representing victims directly to help them assert and enforce their rights as victims in the criminal justice system. I have repeatedly made arguments to judges to avoid continuing a case, relaying the objection of my client the victim. Far too often, I have seen victims ready to go, prosecutor and defense prepared, only for the case to be "bumped" or rescheduled solely due to the lack of judges available to hear a trial. Though a victim has a statutory right in Oregon to have their case concluded with all practicable speed, this can seem impossible to uphold when there is simply not a courtroom to spare to hear their case.

When I came to Deschutes County to practice, I immediately learned that our courts here are very backed up. To be frank, I learned that if it's not a restraining order or a case involving an

in-custody defendant, good luck getting a trial within a year. And for a civil case? Good luck getting a trial date even in that time period. I learned that a first trial date setting (four to six months out) is very unlikely to actually be heard, and most likely will be bumped by an older case. The number of cases that are coming into the system is overwhelming for the judges and staff attempting to tackle the flow, schedule hearings, make critical decisions, and move cases along. One additional judge is an important, crucially needed first step towards having a court system in Deschutes County that will be able to keep up with the number of cases and litigants in an area that has seen rapid growth and will continue to grow. Unfortunately, this is one of the slowest courts I have practiced in during my career when it comes to scheduling and completing cases. In my work, that means that my clients, victims of crime, who are only part of a criminal case because of the actions of another person, are being hurt by the court's inability to achieve swift and certain results in their cases.

Because of my background, I chose today to focus on speaking to you mainly about the importance of a speedy resolution of a criminal case to victims of crime. But I know that an additional judge in Deschutes County would help vulnerable members of our community in another way - specifically that it would allow for our local courts to meet timeliness standards in child welfare cases, including shelter hearings, which are crucial to assuring the well being of potentially endangered children in our community. My work as a prosecutor involved working with multi-disciplinary teams on the issues of child abuse and child welfare, and I have conducted shelter hearings where judges had to make important, swift decisions about how best to care for a child who could be in an unsafe situation. There is no more vulnerable population than these children who, like victims of crime, find themselves involved in a court case through no fault of their own. They should also be afforded speedy court case results in Deschutes County.

For these reasons, I urge you to move HB 2239 forward and provide the Deschutes County Circuit Court with an additional judge.

Thank you,

Melanie Kebler
Attorney
OSB 083798

From: [Nicole DeGraff](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Springfield
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:29:36 PM

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Please consider my questions and serious concerns with regards to HB 3063.

-HB 3063 will kick out potentially 35,000 kids from public, private, charter, daycare, preschool, early intervention programs, school camps and after school programs and activities.

-Oregon would potential lose \$1888 million in revenue to public schools

-Many private and charter schools will close or face \$244million loss.

-It will cause over 6,000 students with an IEP to lose all their speech, vocational and occupational therapy.
What is the financial impact of implementing and enforcing whether or not my selectively vaccinated daughter can attend a sporting event her cousin is in?

-Also potentially affected are Scout meetings, Church groups that have connected schools or daycares, 4H, Online Homeschool testing and assessment, field trips, extracurricular and sports activities and more.

What is the financial impact if less children can attend these? What is the financial impact if these children need mental health therapy after losing access to education and oscillation in the community?

Basically any place that has a shared space with other children.

What is the financial impact if children cannot attend a school Drivers Education? Not available if your child is missing even ONE of the 18 vaccines on the schedule

This also has a provision to potentially deny college students an education.

This issue is about Oregon's children and their loss of access to education and socialization. You can be Pro Vaccine and Pro Public Health and be Pro Choice about Education for all.

What can you do?

Nicole De Graff
Springfield Oregon Resident

From: [Jessica Workman-Schofield](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony HB3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:49:20 PM

I am reaching out to you as my elected representative in hopes that I may share my views on the importance of opposing bill HB3063 which would have a negative impact on the economy.

HB3063 could quite easily put many private schools out of business from dropped enrollment and cause many families to flee from the state's bullying policy. In reading up on several private and public schools records of immunization rates, I found that, while a high majority of students were in fact mostly vaccinated, a large percentage of parents chose to delay or forego one or more doses of a particular vaccine. This makes ALL of those students "under vaccinated" which means that ALL of them would be potentially kicked out of school with the implementation of this bill as it is currently written. This would rapidly put many Oregon private schools out of business and would diminish funding to public schools due to lessened enrollment. In terms of after school groups and activities, the same would be true, affectively closing a multitude of businesses, since the bill is currently written to even exclude home schoolers from attending these programs!

Please note that as the bill is so incredibly restrictive, even those parents who have simply chosen to delay a vaccine for their infant (sometimes by recommendation of their doctor) would be barred from attendance to daycare or preschool, potentially preventing the parents from going to work! It is extremely difficult to get a medical exemption.

As an advocate for all people, I'm sure you understand the importance of defending our human rights and our constitutional rights as Americans.

This bill, violates our human right to privacy, allowing a government to dictate or require substances in order for entrance to school. This, in turn violates our constitutional right to an education. It also assumes that the government should determine the validity of my reasons for choosing to delay certain vaccines, refuse a particular substance and/or accept any particular medical procedure for my children. This violates the medical ethics of informed consent and asserts that a governing body knows what's best for every single human body and can dictate what's put into it. This is a wide overreaching of government that frankly frightens and saddens me.

I am certain that you understand the sincerity with which most humans make decisions regarding their health and the health of those around them. This is evident in the fact that by educating the public and imposing informed consent for vaccines actually resulted in an increase to the overall vaccination rate in the state. Parents who choose to space vaccinations, delay them, refuse them or vaccinate per the general schedule do not take their decisions lightly and should not be considered negligent in any case.

I'm sure you can relate to the idea that our democratic government should not assume that they know intimately what's best for everyone's personal health or the health of their children. It is my hope that you support the rights of informed parents to make the best choice possible by their own volition and that you'd not allow them to be bullied or dictated to in this matter by legislation.

Implementing Bill HB3063 denies not only our children's right to be educated, as this would prevent their continued enrollment, it potentially puts their well being at risk by forcing a very rapid schedule of multiple required vaccines in a very short period of time in order to 'catch up'. Might I also point out that this bill is aimed at ALL recommended vaccines and not just the measles vaccine, which is the 'reason' for its inception. In any case, giving control of medical procedures of any kind to the government seems like a very dangerous and irresponsible way to lead.

On a personal note, we have recently moved to the state of Oregon, loving its free democratic spirit. We were inspired by educational opportunities here for our 3 children so we packed up our lives and moved 3000 miles across the country, purchased a home here, became part of the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce and started running a business in the state of Oregon! Some states are poorly run, allowing influence from the hidden agendas of private corporations, and financially swayed lawmakers to take away the rights of its citizens.

Please don't let Oregon become a state that forfeits the rights of parents and children with Bills like HB3063.

Please oppose this bill and trust that just as you would fight for our children, informed Oregonians deserve your support in ensuring that their rights are not violated.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jessica Workman-Schofield
Amity Oregon Resident and McMinnville Oregon Business owner

Please note; the state of Oregon is **not** highly under-vaccinated. In fact, only 2.6% of all school aged children are completely under-vaccinated. The recent outbreaks of measles and rubella in the state were in actual fact only a tiny percentage. The state's own health organization language calls an 'outbreak' any more than just 2 cases in a given population within a period of time. I'm sure you can question the potential flaw in the idea that this 2.6% is responsible for any publicized "epidemic". And, in light of the fact that OHA states that the majority of children in Oregon are already highly vaccinated, this idea defies logic.

K-12 students in this state are already at a 95% vaccination rate which is already the number cited by the CDC for "herd Immunity". (Per OHA, and confirmed February 7th 2019 at a Measles hearing, Oregon has a MMR uptake rate (2 doses) of 95.8%. 7th Graders are at 97 %.)

From 2006-2018, there were 2245 cases of measles in the US. The CDC reports 60% of those cases occurred due to importation of wild measles from Europe and per CDC surveillance both vaccinated and un-vaccinated still got the wild measles and of those cases, there were two verified deaths. Conversely, Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System reports that there were over 121 deaths from the MMR vaccine in same time period, not to mention a plethora of other reactions to the vaccine. As of last March, there have been more than 89,000 reports of measles vaccine reactions, including, death, hospitalization, and other related disabilities.

Additionally, there are in fact, already many laws requiring under-vaccinated children to be excluded during potential risk periods and 'outbreak' events for a period of time, so the safety of all involved has already been addressed with these current rules already being enforced.

From: [brittney waugh](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 5:00:54 PM

To the ways and means committee

I am a school psychologist from tualatin oregon who has worked with children for the last 6 years. I oppose hb 3063 as it stands. In my work with the children of the public school system I have heard so many stories of vaccine injuries from parents. I also have a niece who has cerebral palsy from her 3 month vaccines. I also have a cousin who is on the autism spectrum from the MMR vaccine. I have seen first hand the issues that vaccines can cause for children both personally and professionally. All children deserve the right to a free and appropriate public education despite their vaccination status. This bill will be violating FAPE, Least Restrictive Environment, and IDEA for our kids with 504's an IEP's. In working with the legal side of the school system it is my duty to protect the right of students. Putting kids in home school and making it impossible to be in sports or other activities on a school campus puts children in the most restrictive environment which again is unethical and illegal for students with IEP's and 504 plans. They are to receive a public education (not online schooling or homeschooling) and they are to receive it in the least restrictive environment (which usually means in the general education classroom with minimal pull out). I have never seen a court case that allowed a child to be excluded based on vaccine status when by educational law they are required to receive an education despite race, gender, or disability as seen in court case Brown vs Board. In talking with parents who have children that are vaccine injured I have not heard one that have said they will comply with new mandates. They have all resoundingly said that they will pull their children from school and home school them. Not only would this make a huge financial impact in our school system (LA Unified school district has had the same issue when they passed a less restrictive bill in California and now is so far in debt that their reserves will be depleted in 2020), but according to this bill we will also be giving out an exorbitant amount of money to all the families that pull their students out and start homeschooling. Oregon has over 31,000 students with vaccine expemtions. Most parents are saying they will pull their child out of school if this bill passes. **With this bill schools will be losing out on around 10,000 per student which would exceed over 310,000,000. I don't believe we can financially support this as our schools are already severely in debt and barely able to keep afloat as it is. On top of that it would cost a lot more if special education kids are the ones dropping out as each school gets around 30,000 for a special education student. This is a huge financial impact that cannot be overlooked. This bill needs to be killed and should not be approved.**

This bill is also a huge infringement on their rights and on the rights of families and their constitutional right to make medical decisions for their children. Not all children can handle the ingredients in vaccines and with family histories of vaccine related injuries parents should have the right to choose to not vaccinate or selectively vaccinate. The current vaccination policy in Oregon is fine as it is and should not be altered. Achieving a medical exemption is hard to obtain even with proof of vaccine injury as most medical doctors wont sign off on medical exemptions as they had to witness a child having seizures the second after the vaccine was given. We believe that the government should not control what goes into our bodies in order to access education. Just as Oregon believes women should be able to choose life or death for her unborn child, we should also be able to choose to vaccinate or not for our born children. Where there is a risk there must be a choice. We need to make sure we are protecting all our children which means that parents need to make the best choice for their children without government involvement. Even with the recent measles outbreak in washington there were no community acquired measles from the initial area. This means that no one got measles from the initial group of people that originally had them. Even though someone with measles went to omsi and another person went to the Moda center and exposed almost 20,000 people. Not a single person acquired measles from these exposures. This case shows our herd immunity is not compromised and we do not need to change legislature in order to protect our community. The CDC also states that 1 in 4 people that get measles will need to be hospitalized. In our most recent outbreak only 1 in 65 people were hospitalized and no one died. This also is a other case that shows measles is not as serious as some may believe. I have looked through research related to vaccines and as someone who is highly trained in research with a Masters Education Specialist in school psychology and I have found most research backing up the fact that there are quite a few children that should not get all the vaccines or never be vaccinated. Please respect parents to be the governing authority of their children and do not force them to vaccinate if they do not think it's best for their children. Remember that it's their body and their choice not the

government. Thank you,

Brittney Waugh
School Psychologist
Masters Education Specialist

From: [Faye Wickland](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony from Saturday's Hearing in Redmond
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:46:33 PM

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I'm writing to urge a NO vote on HB 3063. There are many reasons why I oppose this bill, but I will keep this as short as possible. My husband and I are both well educated, we both graduated from 4-year Universities and have well-paying jobs, and we have both done hundreds of hours of research on vaccines and possible reactions. I am a mother of 2 children ages 3 and 6 years old. We are not anti-vaccines, but we are pro-medical choice. Vaccines, as you all know, have risks like any other medical procedure. In fact, my husband has an adverse reaction as a child so he understands there are possible risks. The United states government has paid out over \$4 billion dollars to vaccine injuries through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Under this bill, parents like myself, cannot even decline a single vaccine, in fact, family history (so my husbands adverse reaction) will not qualify for my children to receive a medical exemption from that vaccine. We would have to play Russian Roulette with our children's health and risk a life long illness or decline the vaccine and deny them the right to a public or private education. No parent would take that risk.

Secondly, this bill is designed to completely segregate a portion of our community. If we decline a single dose of a single vaccine, they will not be allowed to attend school, to participate in any city organized activities (like soccer, gymnastics, Bend Parks and Rec, Mt Bachelor ski programs, swim... the list goes on and on). What's next, will there be "separate but equal" restrooms? Will my children need to wear a yellow star on their clothing so they can be identified and discriminated against? This feels like a very slippery slope and complete violation of human rights.

Third, this bill will financially impact the state of Oregon. The parents who have chosen to decline a vaccine have done so for religious, philosophical, personal or medical reasons and just because the state has mandated them does not mean these parents will comply. They will pull their kids from public or private schools, from all the above-named activities and move out of Oregon where medical freedom still exists. We are one of those families, we will move from Oregon. We are hardly in a state of emergency. The few cases of measles does not warrant this drastic bill. In fact, there are more injuries and deaths from the MMR vaccine than from the virus itself. As of November 30, 2018 there have been more than 92,844 reports of just measles vaccine reactions, hospitalization's, injuries and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including 457 related deaths, 6,902 hospitalizations, and 1,736 related disabilities. And even more frightening, over 50% of those adverse reactions occurred in children under the age of 3 years old.

Vaccine risks are facts, not opinions. It's a basic human right to decide on a medical procedure with risks. This bill is discriminating against children whose parents decided, for whatever reason, to forgo a single dose of a single vaccine. Denying them the right to a public or private education is discrimination.

Thank you,

Resident of Bend, OR

From: [sheila carlson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#); [Sen Johnson](#); [Sen Steiner Hayward](#); [Rep Rayfield](#); [Sen Winters](#); [Rep Gomberg](#); [Rep Smith G](#); [Sen Beyer](#); [Sen Frederick](#); [Sen.FredGirod@state.or.us](#); [Sen Hansell](#); [Sen Heard](#); [Sen Manning](#); [Sen Roblan](#); [Sen Thomsen](#); [Sen Wagner](#); [Rep Holvey](#); [Rep McLain](#); [Rep McLane](#); [Rep Nosse](#); [Rep Piluso](#); [Rep Stark](#)
Subject: House Bill 3063
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 8:16:42 PM

This bill, and an added amendment, would not allow Oregon children to attend public schools, private schools, and charter schools unless they have had all vaccines listed on the Oregon Health Authority [schedule](#). Broadly interpreted, the law could include exclusion from school sports programs, music programs, churches that have daycares, and after school clubs. So that means that even if a child was missing a single vaccine, they may not be allowed to attend a school play held after hours, or a church service on a Sunday if the church had a daycare on the premises that operated during the week.

Oregon has some of the strictest exclusion criteria when it comes to obtaining a medical exemption. They are as follows:

Severe Anaphylaxis or Encephalitis : DTaP, MMR, HIB, Hep B, HPV
Severe Immunodeficiency : MMR, Varicella
Intussusception : Rotavirus

As you can see, the list is very short and essentially requires that a child has responded adversely to a prior shot before qualifying for the exemption. Furthermore, it is Oregon Health Authority who has the final say in granting these exemptions, not your doctor.

There are about 31,500 children who have a non-medical vaccine exemption in Oregon. Schools in Oregon could lose up to 400 million dollars in revenue. This bill could cause over 6,000 children with an IEP to lose services. This bill could segregate children due to their vaccine status from extracurricular and sports activities.

What about the students who, under amendment 13, will be expelled from public school? The loss of education has been viewed as "an unintended consequence" of this bill. HB 3063 will dismiss over 31 thousand students from Oregon schools and the number is closer to 35 thousand including daycare and preschool. How will Oregon address the estimated loss of 188 million dollars in revenue to public schools? With the decrease in students, how many Oregon teachers will lose their jobs? Will this bill take away funds from the districts these students leave?

If, for example, 6,000 IEP students were expelled. Will OHP take over the cost of providing those services as federal education dollars won't be covering their services in public school anymore?

What are the financial implications of enforcing this bill? What is the cost of the infrastructure necessary to police this bill and at what cost to the state? How will students be identified without it being a violation of HIPPA? This bill is listed as "emergency" and thus would go into effect immediately. Is the state ready to manage this immediately without time to prepare the infrastructure much less review the cost?

I urge you to please take the time to dig deep into the financial implications of this bill, and how it will impact our state.

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Sheila Carlson
Lake Oswego

From: [Jc C](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: 3063 testimony
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:14:18 PM

Hello,

I urge a No vote on HB 3063. Any bill that seeks to remove over 3 million dollars in lost funding as well as over 31,000 children from schools and force them to forgo an education is unthinkable. I still cannot understand how this bill made it past the first healthcare committee.

Please note that a similar vote in nearby Washington State (the state with the actual measles emergency) was just tabled and instead the Democratic majority took it upon themselves to stand up to Donald Trump and demand pharmaceutical companies be held accountable for their products produced. You can see the full text of the WA Joint Resolution here:

http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Joint%20Memorials/8012-Vaccine%20side%20effect%20claims.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3HTM90rqYU7gOV_AsjDXhPJHS7Nye_R2tMOC3j4mHiE8Gsx1-FL9nyeB4

It's time the members of the Oregon Legislative body stop acting like the Village Idiots and follow in Washington's footsteps and demand accountability from Pharma companies.

There's still time to do the right thing. Vote no.

From: [Heidi Hege](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 Dundee, OR
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:22:52 PM

Subject: School Funding

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for your time to hear my concerns on the financial aspects of House Bill 3063, the bill to remove religious and philosophical vaccine exemptions. I would like to respectfully ask if the state is ready to manage the financial implications that will entail with passing this bill? Upon examination, it is my opinion that this bill will create a significant financial burden for our state as I mention next.

As prioritizing K-12 education funding is one of the principles of this committee, what about the students who, under amendment 13, will be expelled from public school? The loss of education has been viewed as "an unintended consequence" of this bill. HB 3063 will dismiss over 31 thousand students from Oregon schools and the number is closer to 35 thousand including daycare and preschool. How will Oregon address the estimated loss of 188 million dollars in revenue to public schools? With the decrease in students, how many Oregon teachers will lose their jobs? Will this bill take away funds from the districts these students leave?

It is estimated 6,000 IEP students will be expelled. Will OHP take over the cost of providing those services as federal education dollars won't be covering their services in public school anymore?

There may be mental health implications for the segregated students as they lose their friends, teachers, access to health services, free lunch, attending field trips, etc. How will the increased cost incurred by OHA for providing mental health services to these students be addressed?

For parents being held hostage between choosing daycare and education for their children, following their religious and philosophical beliefs or loss of income if one parent has to stay home with their children, how will the loss of parental income be addressed? As two income families go to one income, it will decrease state income tax and increase families qualifying for OHP, WIC and SNAP. How will this potential shift in revenue and expenses be managed?

What are the financial implications of enforcing this bill? What is the cost of the infrastructure necessary to police this bill and at what cost to the state? How will students be identified without it being a violation of HIPPA?

The right to medical freedom is on the line and if this bill passes, not only will there be significant consequences on the lives of so many children and their families, but on the financial stability of our state.

I urge you to please take the time to dig deep into the financial implications of this bill, and how it will impact our state.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Heidi Hege, 503-708-7863

Dundee, OR Resident, Mother of 2 and small business owner

From: [Shelby Stricklin](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Opposing HB 3063 and why you should too...\$\$\$
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:58:53 PM

To Senators and Whom It May Concern,

My name is Shelby. I'm a bi-lingual college graduate with a masters certificate. I'm a single mother. I grew up in both California and Oregon. I returned to Oregon after having my daughter to escape the lack of medical freedom in California. I'm currently a licensed Foster Care Provider for the State of Oregon, providing care for an intellectually and developmentally disabled adult. I now have a healthy 5 year old daughter who is completely unvaccinated.

It's imperative that my family and all other families here in Oregon be allowed to maintain or decline some or all vaccinations.

My family has a history of auto-immune disease, including myself, my father, and my brother. I would do anything to protect my daughter from the ways in which we have suffered. One of the many ways I choose to protect her is by not vaccinating. Vaccinations can and do trigger auto-immune disease for some people. Other complications from vaccines result in Autism, disability, or death...None of which I am personally prepared to risk with my child.

But I am grateful for those who do choose to vaccinate with positive outcomes and I would not want to take that choice away from anyone. The government is supposed to work for the people, to maintain our freedoms, equally for all people, not marginalize children who are healthy, thriving and free of vaccinations. Parents trying to protect the health of their children should not be marginalized for their choice either, but if Bill 3063 passes that is exactly what will happen.

If this bill passes, my daughter will no longer be able to attend the school she loves because her school would close. It would close because almost 50% of the students at her private school are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated. She will not be allowed to attend ANY school in Oregon. This bill would force me to home school my child leaving little time to provide Foster Care for my disabled step-sister. If I am unable to properly care for her, I will be forced to quit or lose my job Foster Care Provider for the State of Oregon. In order for my daughter and my step-sister to enjoy any quality of life, I would choose to leave Oregon, just as I left California, taking my education, my public service and my tax dollars with me.

I would also like you to consider the 35,000 Oregon children for whom Oregon State will loose tax dollars for education since they will not longer be able to attend school and all their parents who will loose their jobs to home school, or close their businesses - loosing even more money for Oregon - when they leave the state or start homeschooling. Consider the number of parents who might try to get their kids caught up too quickly on their vaccines, which could cause disastrous health effects, and the amount of money it will cost the state to help those individuals over the course of their lives. I would like you to consider what it will cost to continually ensure that every child is caught up with all 60+ vaccinations on the vaccination schedule to keep everyone compliant and consider all the adults who haven't had a booster shot in years. You may be one of those adults! I would like you to consider if your child, your niece, or step-son was perfectly healthy and then got a mandated vaccine which caused them to become disabled, have multiple seizures a day, or die and what that would look like in your family....because if this passes, eventually it will! The number of auto-immune disease is about 50% and growing...who will be next in your family... maybe your perfect new baby who you chose to give a hepatitis shot before they even left the hospital?!

I stand firmly in opposition of House Bill 3063 and every voter in the State of Oregon should oppose it too - not because you choose to or choose not to vaccinate, but because YOUR freedom to choose should

continue to be YOUR choice!

I should also mention that I have been looking to purchase property to build a house, but since notice of this bill, I have stopped. I will not purchase land in Oregon, until I know our medical freedom is safe.

Thank you,
Shelby Stricklin
541.848.9973

From: [Mindy Bowmer](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 3063, Myrtle Creek
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:03:43 AM

Good morning,

I am a disabled Navy Veteran & Mom of 2 amazing & healthy unvaccinated children that strongly opposes HB 3063 & I'm asking you to please do what's right here & do not let this bill pass.

To force vaccines on anyone is a rights violation, no child or adult should have to submit to any medical procedure to get an education. Can you imagine what will happen if 31,000 kids left school & daycare? That would leave 800-1000+ teachers without a job, that equals lots of unemployment pay, food stamps & WIC. Or what about the parents of those kids, some would have to quit their job to stay home with them which can easily equal more unemployment pay, Food Stamps & WIC. I know tax payers won't appreciate that extra load.

There has only been 4 cases of measles in Oregon I think we can all agree there's no 'emergency' here.

I am a disabled Navy Veteran who is likely vaccine injured. I served in 1999-2001 on the USS Harry S Truman (CVN-65) I was deployed to the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations & have what the VA calls undiagnosed illness, more commonly referred to as Gulf War Syndrome. I used to think it was just the Anthrax vaccine that cause my chronic pain, & asked my VA Dr about it she said she treats vaccine injured veterans & told me to request my vaccine records which the military can't seem to find. More likely doesn't want me to have them. So I will never know for sure if I was one of the Sailors that particular vaccine was tested on, but what I do know is everyone that went to that area in the gulf got a pretty intense vaccine cocktail & now so many of us are suffering because of it. I personally have chronic Nerve pain, joint pain, & muscle pain. On bad days I can be in so much pain from my waist all the way down to my toes. On good days I can do a balancing act of knowing my restrictions & making sure I don't do anything that might aggravate my symptoms, & Stress management, although some days I do everything right & it just doesn't matter I end up in so much pain anyways. I am sensitive to temperature change & the cold is especially hard on my bones. Now I am 38 years old but this all started when I was only 19 after receiving my military vaccines. I also have trouble with my digestion & iron absorption. Both I manage with eating Whole Foods & stress management but some days it just doesn't make a difference.

Something else about my military experience I think is important to consider is how many illnesses including mine are not being reported as vaccine injury by the military & VA. This changes the adverse affects reports dramatically & makes those numbers meaningless.

I do not wish this pain on anybody especially my children! & I understand that as much pain as I have to deal with I consider myself lucky, considering what other vaccine injured people are going through.

We will not take that chance with our precious children, I suggest to you instead of voting in a bill that violates basic human rights to please push the vaccine makers to make truly safe vaccines. Change the laws on them so they can be held accountable for defects & injury. I look right on the CDC & FDA websites & see the vaccine insert information & clearly know those side effects & adverse reactions are unacceptable. The vaccine makers consider their own product "unavoidably unsafe" so please don't force these vaccines on anybody when the makers are clearly saying they are not safe. It just isn't right. I am a veteran & Momma for freedom & believe everyone should at the very least have the right to choose what goes into their body & parents are definitely the only people that should be in charge of making those decisions for their children not the government. Thank you for your time & I hope you have a beautiful day.

Mindy Bowmer

~ It's never too late to live happily ever after ~

From: [Jessica Workman-Schofield](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: public funding testimony- please confirm receipt
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:30:11 AM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am reaching out to you as elected representatives in hopes that I may share my views on the importance of opposing bill HB3063 which would have a negative impact on the economy.

HB3063 could quite easily put many private schools out of business from dropped enrollment and cause many families to flee from the state's bullying policy. In reading up on several private and public school's records of immunization rates, I found that, while a high majority of students were in fact mostly vaccinated, a large percentage of parents chose to delay or forego one or more doses of a particular vaccine. This makes ALL of those students "under vaccinated" which means that ALL of them would be potentially kicked out of school with the implementation of this bill as it is currently written even though the overall vaccination rate in the state is actually quite high for most vaccines. Some school groups and daycare have rates of over 50% under-vaccinated for some vaccines, per this restrictive and misleading language.

We're talking about thousands and thousands of students that currently contribute to our economy paying for tuition and many other services in the state. This would rapidly put many Oregon private schools out of business and could diminish funding to public schools due to lessened enrollment. In terms of after school groups and activities, the same would be true, affectively closing a multitude of businesses, since the bill is currently written to even exclude home schoolers from attending these programs!

Please note that as the bill is so incredibly restrictive, even those parents who have simply chosen to delay a vaccine for their infant (sometimes by recommendation of their doctor) would be barred from attendance to daycare or preschool, potentially preventing the parents from going to work! It is extremely difficult to get a medical exemption.

As an advocate for all people, I'm sure you understand the importance of defending our human rights and our constitutional rights as Americans. This bill violates the medical ethics of informed consent and asserts that a governing body, rather than an informed parent or a pediatrician, knows what's best for every single human body and should dictate what's put into it. This is a wide overreaching of government that truly frightens and saddens me.

I'm sure you can relate to the idea that our democratic government should not assume that they know intimately what's best for everyone's personal health or the health of their children. It is my hope that you support the rights of informed parents to make the best choice possible by their own volition and that you'd not allow them to be bullied or dictated to in this matter by legislation.

Implementing Bill HB3063 would truly harm many school groups and youth programs. The current law respects all schedules and cultures. Schools with diverse public like international schools and summer programs would lose the funding and tuitions that they rely upon to survive. There is also fine print in the amendment 13 to this bill that would affect students planning on entering colleges in the state of Oregon. This bill will prevent the enrollment of

any partially or unvaccinated adults or adults with religious exemptions which can *not* be good for the financial health of these higher education institutions.

In any case, giving control of medical procedures of any kind to the government seems like a very dangerous and irresponsible way to lead.

On a personal note, we have recently moved to the state of Oregon, loving its free democratic spirit! We were inspired by educational opportunities here for our 3 children so we packed up our lives and moved 3000 miles across the country, purchased a home here, became part of the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce and started running a business in the state of Oregon! Our adult child was also planning on potentially attending university within the state. This would all be drastically affected by this bill.

Let's not allow Bills like HB3063 to hamper the survival of Oregon's independent schools, church run schools, small daycares, after school programs, dance schools, sports clubs, art lessons, youth music/theatre conservatories, international school and colleges etc... Their economic survival as well as the livelihoods of countless small business owners and their families will experience irreparable damage if this bill is implemented.

I have faith that your desire and good sense to support the citizens that you represent will urge you to oppose this oppressive bill. I trust that just as you fight for the growth and success of the state of Oregon, you'll fight for it's schools and small business owners by ensuring that their students and their family's rights are not violated so their livelihoods are not in jeopardy.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jessica Workman-Schofield
Amity Oregon Resident and McMinnville Oregon Business owner

From: [ceisha pardy](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063 from Medford
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:11:18 AM

Hello committee members,

I am writing you today with strong opposition to HB 3063! First and foremost, this a violation of our constitutional rights.

Next I would like to say how this will be a huge impact on Oregon. I for one, with many other parents I have spoke with, will move out of this state. This is quite unfortunate because all of my kids were born and raised here and planned to have many more generations grow up in this beautiful state. My two older children who are college bound, also have said they will leave this state because they do not want to have any of their medical choices forced on them, nor their children in the future. Now you will be losing 2 college tuition accounts.

This will also impact MANY Oregonians in ways such as parents having to leave their job to homeschool, families uprooting to move out of state because they refuse to be FORCED into medical choices, companies losing employees or possibly having to close their business. Some may even take it as far as to file a law suit for discrimination, will the state of Oregon be ready for that financial burden? How about law suits from those that had a medical exemptions signed by their doctor, but OHA deemed it not worthy?

Beyond the outcome of financial issues, there is human rights issues! This bill is blatantly segregating children and their families, please don't make Oregon be known for this!

Thank you,
Ceisha Pardy

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Ruth Cepeda](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3036
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:59:56 AM

I am a concerned parent and Oregon voter. I have four children, two I had vaccinated and two I did not. I did hours of research to come to the conclusion that vaccines, especially with amount of doses that are now recommended, are unsafe. Now my family's choice is being taken away. My children would no longer have the option to attend a public or private school OR participate in school programs like sports. My kids are currently active in sports and this would be a crushing blow to them. We could not attend church as many if not all the churches in my area either act as schools during the week or daycare centers. This bill not only puts my children's education in jeopardy, but acts like the **segregation** laws of the past. **Please vote no.**

This bill attempts to **FORCE** parents to vaccinate their children, by taking away all their educational choices. Most families have two working parents and could not stay home to homeschool their children. Make no mistake this bill intends to **FORCE** parent to vaccinate. Also, one of the biggest objections I have heard for homeschooling is that children will not be socialized. Now the state of Oregon is telling parents who do not vaccinate that their only option is to homeschool and there will NO ability to socialize. All sports, events and other school activities like field trips will be taken away from them, as well as the ability to attend church youth groups and even church on Sunday. **This bill holds the education and socialization of our kids hostage.**

First, I am often **afraid** to speak out on this issue because of the vicious attacks that come from the pro-vaccine side. Name calling and saying that our children deserve to die are all too common. Just check the comments section on any vaccine related article if you don't believe me. The pro-vaccine side likes to say how stupid we are not believing science and that we are following an actress on TV. The facts are that people who chose not to vaccinate have done far more in-depth research and are not following the media or CDC blindly. I do not call for others to have their choice taken away, if they want to vaccinate that is their right, but don't take my choice because you disagree. **This bill takes away our freedoms.**

Exceptions don't make good laws. We should never make a law based on an exception. If vaccines work and your child is vaccinated then you have nothing to fear from my unvaccinated child. What about those children who can not vaccinate? Or the ones with suppressed immune systems? They are the EXCEPTION. Why should all children be required to vaccinate based on the exception? Kids that are immune suppressed could be hurt from a simple cold or the flu, there is no way to protect them when you send them to school. I had a friend whose son was going through cancer treatments and she could not have him exposed to anything. During treatment he was in the hospital or at home not at school. Unvaccinated

children are harboring disease and spreading it to other children! Forcing vaccinations is not the answer. **This bill is based the exception, and laws based on exceptions are not good laws.**

This whole charge to remove vaccine exemptions comes from the **drug companies** who benefit directly from mandatory vaccines. Is this law for the good of our kids or the good of those companies? One small outbreak, again an exception, is not cause to erode parental freedoms. My parents laugh at the outrageous fear tactics used to scare us about measles.

Both my parents along with thousands of adults in their age group had measles and recovered just fine. I had chickenpox as a child and see the fear mongering about that disease as well. It was no big deal. There are of course exceptions, but again those should not make the rule. If measles is the issue and what everyone fears, why not just mandate measles vaccines? Clearly it is not about kids its, about profit because this bill would mandate a whole host of other vaccines. **This bill gives control of my child's health care to the drug companies.**

Just how will the government **enforce** parts of this new law? What about all the kids that have never received a vaccine, are they supposed to go the doctor and be injected with over 60 doses all at once? How do you think that will affect their health? Babies receive these doses over months and years. If parents are forced to vaccinate, which is exactly what this law intends to do, should those parents **sue the state** when their child has a reaction to the 69 doses?

Also the bill states unvaccinated children can not attend school functions where they will come into contact with other individuals. Will the parents and children that are not vaccinated need to wear the Star of David so others can recognize us and stay away? We would not be allowed in public places that our tax dollars pay for? Maybe you should include money to post armed guards at schools and churches to enforce this part of the law. How on earth do you expect to enforce this part of the bill? Maybe we should be rounded up and put in special camps to keep the public safe? Seems like an exaggeration, but this bill is taking our state down a scary path.

A last minute addition to this bill was to require students entering into college to be vaccinated. When our kids graduate they are 18, they go to college as **ADULTS**. Why stop at college, maybe we should require ALL adults to be vaccinated. Think about where this is going.

One of the most egregious parts of this bill is that it would mean that families all over Oregon when no longer be able to take their children to church. Our community church is also a school, we could not longer attend based on this bill. No more youth group either. This is completely unacceptable. As Americans we have freedom of religion, but with this over

reaching bill, families like mind could not longer attend church!

This bill is unconstitutional on more than one level.

I urge you to not support this bill. This is American, freedom is the cornerstone of our society. More freedom not less. This would only be the beginning of infringing on parental rights. Stop this bill, my kids health and well being depends on it.

Ruth Cepeda

253-302-2435

From: [Christine Berg](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Eugene, Oregon
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:28:15 AM

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3063, which removes all non-medical vaccine exemptions in Oregon for children attending public and private schools.

In 1986, the US Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and established the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Congress has acknowledged that vaccine injury exists by putting the NVICP in place. Since 2018, the US Court of Claims has awarded nearly \$4,000,000,000 (that would be 4 billion) to those injured by vaccines. Only 20% of claims are compensated.

All vaccines have side effects listed in their package inserts. No vaccine is 100% safe, and no vaccine is 100% effective. These are facts.

It would be outrageous to mandate vaccines in children given the information presented above. There have been NO studies examining the cumulative impact of the current vaccine schedule on children.

Furthermore, the passage of this bill infringes upon the religious beliefs of those who have chosen not to vaccinate. Certain vaccines contain fragments of DNA from human and animal tissues. What are the ethical and spiritual ramifications of this?

Lastly, consider the financial implications of passing this bill. There are over 30,000 exemptions on file for school children in this state. Families are not going to rush to their doctors and get their children "up to date on their shots." These children will be pulled out of school, creating a massive loss of funding to the school system, and many of them will potentially leave the state.

I strongly urge you to reject HB 3063. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christine Berg

From: [Mallory Zappa](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Fwd: HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 12:05:48 PM
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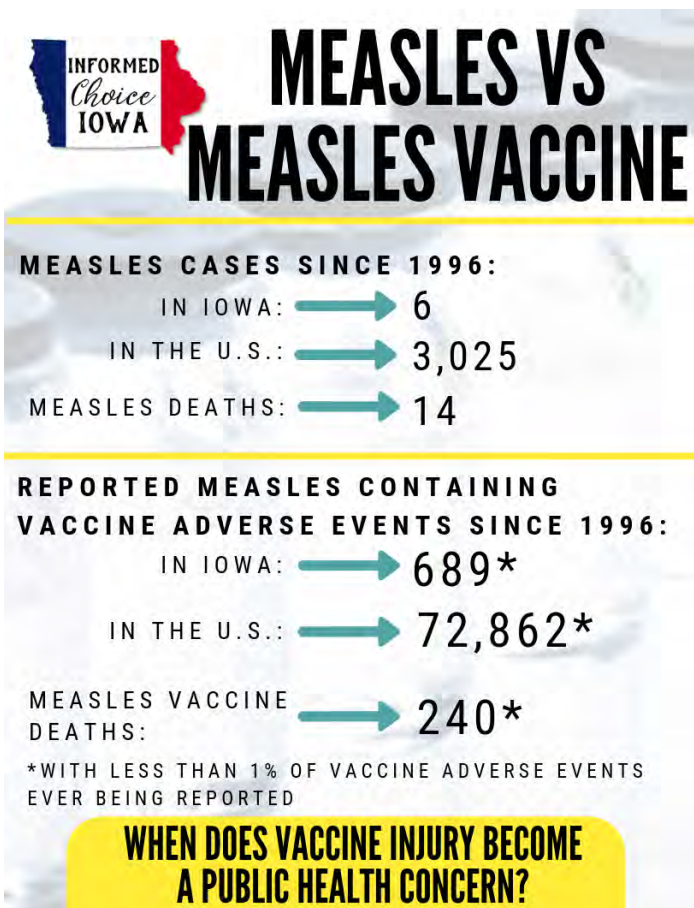
Hello,

I am writing to you in opposition of HB 3063. My family and I strongly believe in all humans rights to choice and what they put into their childrens bodies as well as their own. We believe our health and our bodies are our own, and the government should play no role in deciding what we must do with them. It is an overstep of government authority.

If this bill passes it will force me to close my business that I successfully run in Central Oregon to stay home and educate my children. It will also force my healthy, active, loving, friendly children to be segregated from all school (public or private, online), public, and even religious activities with other school aged children. It will force me to pull my sons from school they love, and thrive in. They will be segregated from their friends and teachers who also love and care about them. Taking education away from our children is wrong and hurtful to them and their future. We must protect our children's freedom to right to choose what they put into their own body.

Please, take the time to listen to your constituents with an open mind, allow people to make their own health care decisions based on their beliefs, and education from their family physicians for their own families and selves.

Kindly,
Mallory Torchio



Where in the U.S. has the highest growth in exemptions and the lowest compliance for school vaccinations, yet we never hear about an outbreak?

WASHINGTON D.C.

- Exemptions increased by **454%** in one school year!
- **1 in 20** kids have an exemption
- Total exemption rate: **5%**
- Compliance rates:
MMR: **81.3%**
DTaP: **79.7%**

Source: CDC MMWR vol 67
tinyurl.com/coveragerates
tinyurl.com/exemptionrates



From: [Melanie Rodriguez](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Bend/Deschutes HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 12:41:12 PM

I strongly oppose HB 3063 that eliminates all non-medical exemptions for vaccines because of its government overreach in individual health concerns. This sentiment has been echoed by parents of fully, partially, and non vaccinated students.

This is not a political party issue. This bill is a knee-jerk reaction to 7 people contracting measles from outside sources.

I believe in science. I also believe that the beauty of science is that it's never settled. Peanut butter is harmless, until it isn't. I am not going to debate the value of vaccines because I truly believe that all parents love their children and want the best for their schools and communities. I know that those who opt out of one, some or all vaccines do not make that decision lightly.

This bill does not include a grace period for those who are not vaccine compliant to catch up. Most multi-dose vaccines cannot be completed all at once, and must be spaced apart in accordance with OHA and CDC guidelines. An incoming kindergartener who has never been vaccinated doesn't stand a chance to catch up by their start in September 2019.

Furthermore, I am concerned at the financial impact this will have on families such as ours. Over 30,000 students will be affected by this legislation. Many parents of these students will be coerced into an online education. In order to do so, one parent will need to stay home. This will cause job loss and the inability to pay the inflated rent caused by the current housing crisis.

One of my children is on an IEP and has a documented risk of social isolation. She would be relegated to an online education in a room by herself, with little to no contact with her peers, despite a clean bill of health. This would put her mental health at risk and jeopardize her academic progress.

Seven confirmed cases of measles is not constitute an emergency. None of the listed past or current exposure sites are public schools in Oregon. None of the confirmed cases spread from Juniper Swim & Fitness or Mountain Air Trampoline Park in Bend, places that are popular with kids of all ages. Most schools have high enough vaccine rates to support herd immunity. These rates are posted publicly for all to see and form their own decisions about their personal health.

It is my belief that we should be working together to keep kids IN school and improving our abysmal graduation rates, rather than polarizing families and communities on healthcare issues that are made in confidentiality with the guidance of their doctor.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Melanie Rodriguez

From: [Bree Barnes](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hood River, OR -- TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 12:49:14 PM

Dear Committee Members,

I write you today in opposition of HB 3063. I am deeply saddened by the threat of pulling an education away from my children. My family has finally found a home here in Hood River, Oregon, but will be forced to move out of the state if such legislation passes.

My husband and I and our two girls moved from Seattle, Washington the summer of 2017 with the desire to raise our family in a small, like-minded community. We seamlessly created our new home in Hood River, immersing ourselves and our business in this amazing town - we absolutely love it here. We began our search for schools among the abundance of choices offered in the Columbia River Gorge, and found New Vision, an independent private school for students preschool - 5th grade. Although living within a 1/4 mile of Westside Elementary, we choose to drive 40 minutes every day to Mt. Hood Parkdale where New Vision is located. We choose to pay a combined tuition of \$14,950/year for our two children, that offers a unique holistic education that nurtures every child; emotionally, academically and spiritually. There is a strong emphasis on nature, arts, music, experiential learning, communication and relationship building. Our children are thriving in this environment and are keen to the STEAM program that is prominent in the school and the community.

It is our hope that our baby boy, born 9/11/18, will attend New Vision when of age. All 3 of our children could be enrolled in New Vision at the same time; a combined tuition of \$22,425 per year. If HB 3063 goes into effect, we will be forced to move our family and business out of the state because of our choice to not vaccinate. We are in the process of buying the home we are currently renting, but again, if HB 3063 passes, we will forego this purchase and look to buy in Washington where our civil liberties aren't compromised.

It is with extensive counseling with our pediatrician and research of our own, that we have made the significant choice to not vaccinate. We stand by this choice with conviction. To no surprise, they have a perfect bill of health and have made it through this winter with ZERO illness (not even a cold). I personally suffer vaccine injury that occurred back in 2008, and since have never received any vaccines. I will not put my children in harms way and risk their perfect health with such dangerous injections.

HB 3063 would punish children, parents and schools. There are 31,000+ healthy school kids in Oregon exempt from ONE or more of the 18 required vaccines. If these children do not comply with the proposed bill and are not enrolled this next school year, the amount the state pays for each student, \$13,320 would be void...an annual loss of \$412,920,000.

If you push through HB 3063, we will be forced to move out of Oregon; out of our community of Hood River. We will not be enrolled at New Vision and I am confident the numerous families I know who also choose to not vaccinate will choose to move out of state or homeschool their children.

I couldn't agree more with an article published by the National Vaccine Information Center: 'When government policy is unjust and people resist, the last resort is always a show of force.'

Use of fear, intimidation, discrimination and punishment of dissenting minorities is the hallmark of authoritarian governments and so is censorship and propaganda."

Please make the right choice for Oregonians and keep our civil liberties in tact. I strongly oppose HB 3063 and I urge you to do the same.

Kindly,
Bree Kendrick
Hood River, Oregon

From: [Aaron Boyle](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#); [Sen Thatcher](#); [Rep Neron](#)
Subject: HB 3063 - Please Do Not Approve This Bill
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:04:55 PM

Dear Committee Members,

I am very concerned about HB 3063 regarding vaccines. I believe strongly in the benefits of vaccines. However, this bill is unnecessary and very ill conceived. This bill represents a gross overstep of governmental power and it is a serious intrusion on my liberty as an American citizen & parent.

Oregon has incredibly high vaccination rates and there is no compelling reason why this should be necessary. Instead, I urge you to consider more research for vaccines. While vaccines are proven to be safe for most people, certain ones are often not safe for people with compromised immune systems or underlying genetic conditions. To suggest otherwise (as this legislation attempts to do) flies in the face of scientific facts and literally the vaccine data sheets themselves. Are you aware that the US Department of Health and Human Services administers a program called the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program? The program was put in place to compensate people who were injured by vaccines. In 2018 this program paid out settlements to the tune of \$226M. If all vaccines were truly healthy for all people such a program would not be necessary. More research is needed to determine the genetic profiles of the vulnerable people in our population who are likely to sustain injuries. It is not appropriate or necessary to force this legislation upon everyone.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB 3063. Please support more research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Boyle
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15303 SW Broken Fir Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140

From: [Bethany Penhall](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Stand for Oregon Children
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:26:17 PM

March 19, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Means and Ways

I am writing regarding the House Bill 3063 to inform you that as a United States Citizen and Bend resident I am opposed to mandatory vaccines in Oregon.

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Is this what is best for our Kids? Our Teachers? Our Community?

If this devastating and restrictive health bill passes, we will have no choice but to move out of the state of Oregon, a place that we love dearly, a place that believes in inclusivity, education, and human rights.

I urge you to please preserve parental rights and not support HB 3063.

Thank you,

Bethany Penhall
Bend, OR

From: [jr hulet](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:44:39 PM

HB 3063 is ripe for lawsuit. This bill will wreak confusion and oversteps it's bounds into the religious realm. For instance, if a church provides day care, then what about regular attenders whose children are unvaccinated? Since HB 3063 provides no religious exemption, this could qualify as religious persecution, since parents who hold religious convictions will then be forced to withdraw their children from public school. Churches will be forced to shut down their daycare, or tell congregants that they can no longer attend church. Does the state have no conscience? If this bill passes, then it seems not. Risk equals choice. The state doesn't love my child. The state didn't take care of my children when they had an allergic reaction to their immunizations. I stayed awake night and day, worried sick. People will either sue or move out of the state. My husband is a pastor at our local church, the church he grew up in, we met and married in. I have Oregon in my blood. My family has married here and is buried here. I will move or join in a lawsuit before the state dictates what I put into my children's bodies. I will not sacrifice my child's personal health for "the good of all". This is nothing short of communism. Thank you.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Kendall Youngblood](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 written testimony, from Portland
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:09:22 PM

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am a mother and supporter of children's health, and I urge you to vote NO on HB 3063. There are too many unanswered questions about the impact of this bill and how it would be implemented to pass the bill at this time.

How will you enforce whether unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children attend a school play or a sports event after hours if the bill is broadly interpreted? What about unvaccinated parents? Would you mandate that every single adult be vaccinated to volunteer in a classroom or support a school sponsored event? How will this be tracked and enforced?

I believe there is good intention at the heart of this bill, but I think this is one of those times when a carrot might be more effective than a stick.

Instead of mandating, I would prefer to see Oregon spend our time and dollars educating and correcting false assumptions that put children at risk. A marketing campaign would surely cost less, be easier to implement, and is worth trying first before turning to mandates.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: [Cicada Rose](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: RE: Written testimony
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:37:49 PM

I am confused, I thought I spoke at a ways and means public hearing on Saturday.

On Mar 18, 2019 12:58 PM, "waysandmeans budget"
<waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in submitting written testimony. Ways and Means will begin accepting testimony for HB 3063 once it is scheduled for a public hearing in this committee. Use the link below to sign-up for notifications related to the progression of the bill. After entering your email address, expand the + sign next to "Legislative Bills" for a dropdown list.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/subscriber/new>

You may resubmit testimony once a meeting date is set.

From: Cicada Rose <westernahimsa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 2:00 PM
To: waysandmeans budget <waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov>
Subject: Written testimony

HB3063

Hello,

I am a single mother of three vibrant children in excellent health. They participate in taekwondo, horseback riding and are engaged students. Right now, they cost OHP next nothing, they haven't even had the flu in 3 years.

I, on the other hand, am on social security disability and I am in and out of doctor's and physical therapist's offices. According to my mother, I had a reaction to the hep B. I don't remember. Infact, I can't remember middle school at all.

My mother has an auto immune disease and her father died of one. My father died at 77

from Alzheimer's and dementia. His mother died at 54 of a stroke.

My oldest had a shot reaction.

And yet, under the proposed bill, they will not be able to get the exemptions that they need. They are the children this bill is supposed to protect, and it directly endangers them.

My perfectly healthy children run the risk of no longer being so- and OHP will be the one to foot the bill.

Did you know pediatricians are not even required to take a child's temperature before administering a shot? Let alone take this medical history into account.

What are my choices? To homeschool while I take on a full course load myself? Move my children away from their home for medical freedom?

We are at the herd immunity threshold with only 2.6% students being completely unvaccinated and another 4.9% partially. This bill is unnecessary and harmful.

Sincerely,

Kate Dollar



March 7th, 2019

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

This letter serves to represent support for SB 257 from each of the four Soil and Water Conservation Districts that encompass the greater Portland Metro area. SB 257 includes funding to create and support the much-needed statewide web tool “Solve Pest Problems”.

Solve Pest Problems web tool, once fully funded, will build a web-based platform for accessing environmentally-responsible pest management solutions for a wide variety of indoor and outdoor pests, including plants, diseases, insects and animals, and will be accessible to numerous communities and audiences across Oregon. Additionally, in order to design a product that is broadly applicable to the populace of Oregon, several underserved communities have been actively engaged in the development process and serve to help the platform be as broad-reaching as possible.

A core component of each of our organizations’ missions is to deliver science-based integrated pest management strategies to our urban, suburban and rural constituents. Currently, there is no one location where technical information is available to the general public in a reliable and accessible way. We, as professionals, utilize OSU extension materials in delivering integrated pest management information to our constituents but have long recognized a need for updating these resources and making them more pertinent and accessible to wider audiences.

While the groundwork has been laid, and the first phase of the Solve Pest Problem tool completed, a funding commitment from the University and the State Legislature is needed to fully realize the project and bring it to a statewide audience. We urge University leadership and state legislators to pursue dedicated funding to implement Solve Pest Problems for the benefit of people and places across Oregon.

In closing, we would like to offer strong support for new initiative funding within SB 257 in order to continue the development of the much-needed statewide tool “Solve Pest Problems”.

We sincerely appreciate this opportunity.

Tom Salzer, General Manager
Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District

Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director
East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Lacey Townsend, Executive Director
Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District

Jim Cathcart, District Manager
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

From: [Dr. Cara Phillip](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063 - a voice for CHOICE - please hear my voice
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:48:30 PM

Dear Ways and Means of the Oregon Legislature,

I write to you as one of your people with all due respect. I am a physician and I am a mother. I have a **fully vaccinated child** AND I have **a child who has suffered a vaccine injury** that has left him with neurological tics that affect his life greatly. I believe in choice for anything that has risk.

I have a vaccine injured son and lost my best friend 10 years ago to Guillan Barre syndrome which was vaccine induced. These are major issues and ramifications of vaccines.

I am opposed to this bill as it is written. As you can see, I am pro-vaccination when safe (I have a vaccinated child). I am pro-choice and simply pro-vaccine safety and **PRO MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS for vaccine injured children**. If this was your child or your relatives child I am sure you would understand my stance.

If you choose to vote this bill into being PLEASE ammend it so that children with vaccine injuries can get a medical exemption and be able to go to school and participate in sports. Oregon is well above herd immunity! I will outline the factual stats at the end of this email. As of now, the medical exemptions are for "life threatening" reactions only. This is discrimination.

If this bill passes as written, there is a group with vaccine injured children that will have to form a home school and our children would lose the opportunity to participate in sports (which my son loves). This is segregation!!

The parental groups of the vaccine injured children that I am a part of are extremely well educated people. We are able to do the homeschool curriculum if needed and will form a homeschool coalition. There are thousands of these children. Each of these children would remove \$13K from the school budget. This would

be a great loss to the already under-budgeted public school system.

It saddens me greatly that if a child has had a neurological, immunological or negative reaction to a vaccine they will be ostracized from public school! Vaccines may be safe for some kids but they are not safe for all children.

It just seems unfair that a medical exemption requires a "life threatening" reaction to a vaccine. This is just "wrong." I believe a doctor can use his/her best judgement to decide if a vaccine could injure a certain child. Many children have genetic MTHFR issues, autoimmune issues, neurological problems or immunological issues that put them at risk for vaccine injury.

My son has neurological tics that are audible; tics he has no control over and this all happened within 90 minutes of his 2nd DTaP vaccine! He was perfect prior to that afternoon on May 23rd 2013! Why, because he can't handle injected aluminum with polysorbate 80 to take it across the blood brain barrier. This is known to cause neurological issues in some children and adults.

I urge you to vote against HB 3063 or at least amend the bill to make medical exemptions for vaccine injured children. Anything that comes with such great risk deserves a choice.

Let's find the middle ground. We are not all for or against this bill. We simply want it to be fair. However, as this bill is written we are segregating vaccine injured children from participating in school. Let's be fair and at the very least make exceptions for these children!

Thanks for hearing me.
Cara Phillip
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Here is an important point to ponder:

We are not in a State of Emergency. Oregon has high vaccination rates. You have heard that the non-medical exemption rates in Oregon are 7.5% but that number is highly misleading. That number is the exemption rates for Kindergarten students only. The non-medical exemption rate for all grades K-12 is 5.2%, an entire 2.5% lower than the kindergarten rate. This is a far more important number as it represents all students in Oregon school. More importantly, of that 5.2 %, half of those students, 2.6%, are selectively vaccinating, in other words, they have received some vaccines, and in many cases have received the most of the required vaccines. For example, a student may be fully vaccinated for every dose of the polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella chicken pox and hepatitis A, but their parents decided not to vaccinate them against hepatitis B (because they are in elementary school and not likely to engage in sex or IV drug) so the parents chooses a non-medical exemption for this vaccine. That student is still a part of the 5.2% of what Oregon Health Authority considers unvaccinated/part of the exempt students. As another example, a child may have every dose of every vaccine except the 5th dose of DTaP and that child would still be still a part of the 5.2% of what Oregon Health Authority considers unvaccinated/part of the exempt students

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From: [Margaret Sexty](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: No HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:12:40 PM

Have you considered what happens when physicians move out of the state because this bill goes against their values and they are not vaccinated themselves. They do not want to be hippocrites? They also might think about if they're next. How much will that cost the state? Association of American Physicians and Surgeons

February 28, 2019

Forced Vaccination Unnecessary, Violates Human Rights

An outbreak of measles in Washington State is the latest news hook for efforts to tighten vaccine mandates and oppose efforts, as in Arizona, to strengthen protections for informed consent and parental rights, reports the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS).

In case states fail to follow California's lead in eliminating all exemptions except for rare medical reasons, Congress may enact a federal mandate, AAPS notes. The Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on Feb 27 on the measles outbreak. The Senate HELP (Health, Education, Labor & Pensions) Committee will hold a hearing on Mar 5 concerning preventable disease outbreaks.

"All medical interventions, including vaccines, have risks and benefits," stated AAPS executive director, Jane M. Orient, M.D. "Physicians have the duty to advise patients according to their own best judgment, and patients have the right to decline to follow their advice. Patients also have the right to be fully informed and not restricted to governmentally approved information."

Legislators need to consider the following, states AAPS:

Vaccines are neither 100 percent effective, nor 100 percent safe. The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out nearly \$4 billion for severe vaccine damage. It is the only recourse for injured patients, as manufacturers are immune from liability. The last U.S. death from measles occurred in 2015. Extremely high vaccination rates do not prevent all measles outbreaks and may even worsen overall harm from measles.

"Medical freedom is a basic human right," states Dr. Orient. "Sacrificing it in the name of population health is likely to worsen public health."

"Governmental preemption of patients' or parents' decisions about accepting drugs or other medical interventions is a serious intrusion into individual liberty, autonomy, and parental decisions about child-rearing," states AAPS in a letter to congressional committee members.

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) is a national organization representing physicians in all specialties, founded in 1943. Its motto is "omnia pro aegroto," or "all for the patient."

From: [Adrienne Marie](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:41:03 PM

Vaccine injury is real. This bill is completely unethical. It is segregation and discrimination and you are putting our children at risk. the Oregon Health Authority does not Grant Medical exemptions to many need it and would qualify according to CDC recommendations and exclusions. once the over hundred thousand parents realize that they're delayed schedule has to be caught up in a specific amount of time that is not recommended according to CDC scheduling for vaccinations. people will become unglued. Most people are completely on board with a delayed schedule of vaccinations and Oregon already has one of the highest rates Nationwide of vaccinated children, so I find it shocking that this is now a state of emergency. before you consider forcing us in to any medical situation where we must consent and have no law left of freedom. I have 39 questions for you. Please answer them all (do your research) and get back to me.

1. Name 5 vaccine ingredients.
2. What is MRC-5?
3. What is WI-38?
4. What is vaccine court?
5. What is the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program?
6. What is the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act?
7. How has the CDC schedule changed since 1986?
8. How much money has been paid out by vaccine injury court?
9. How many doses of how many vaccines are in the CDC schedule between birth and age
10. Do vaccines contain aborted fetal tissue? If so, which vaccines? And how many aborted babies were needed before they found one with the virus necessary to create the vaccine?
11. Do any vaccines contain dog, monkey, pig, and human DNA?
12. What is an adjuvant?
13. What is an antigen?
14. Which arm of the immune system do vaccines stimulate?
15. Which arms of the immune system do natural diseases stimulate?
16. What is transverse myelitis?
17. What is encephalopathy?
18. What is the rate of autism in 2017, what was it in 2000? What was it in 1990?
19. What is glyphosate and is it in vaccines?
20. If your child is injured, who will take physical, emotional, and financial responsibility?
21. What was the Supreme Court's statement on vaccines in 2011?
22. Can you provide a study showing vaccinated vs. unvaccinated health outcomes?
23. Can you show me a safety study proving it is safe to inject multiple vaccines?
24. What is shedding?
25. Do vaccines shed? Which vaccines can shed for up to 6 weeks?
26. Which vaccines are live virus vaccines?
27. What is the VICP?
28. What is SV40?
29. What is MTHFR (methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase)?
30. What is an acceptable amount of aluminum to ingest per day and how much is injected via the hep B vaccine on day one of life?
31. Can someone who was vaccinated for pertussis still spread pertussis after being exposed to it? If so, for how long?

32. What is the death rate from measles in the US from 2005-2015? From the MMR vaccine in same time frame?
33. What does attenuated mean?
34. Where can I find information about vaccines?
35. Are there vaccine consent forms?
36. Can the vial stopper cause allergic reaction?
37. Can there be serious reactions to vaccines?
38. What is NVIC?
39. Is there any compensation for physicians who have a certain percentage of their patients vaccinated?

From: [Bethany Penhall](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Stand for Oregon Children
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:36:26 PM

March 19, 2019

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Thank you,

Bethany Penhall
Bend, OR

From: [Kaitlyn Saunders](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Equity in Education in Oregon
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:38:50 PM

Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 3063.

I am Vaccine injured. I live everyday with debilitating auto-immune disorders from an immunization I received at the age of 18 years old, and elect to delay vaccines for my 7 month old daughter, because we share the same DNA. As a working family, we rely on non-medical exemptions that allow her to attend daycare.

HB 3063 would violate personal freedom of choice and medical informed consent. It's not about our personal beliefs about vaccinations, or scientific debate of their safety-- this is about our freedom. I must to continue to have the right to make choices about my child's healthcare, without the threat of losing access to their access to childcare/education.

As a family of faith, it is devastating that my daughter would not be allowed to grow up in church activities, like my husband and I did. Something that was so helpful in finding my way through adolescence and adulthood by knowing my faith and good moral.

If this overarching health bill passes, it would not only affect families like ours, but would greatly impact our education system, public and private schools alike, preschools, day cares, churches, early education centers, small business and jobs. This is not in the best interest for our children or Oregonians.

I urge you to preserve medical and religious freedom, please consider the bigger picture and oppose HB3063.



Thank you,
Kaity Saunders
Bend, OR



From: [Jenny Lowe](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:51:42 PM

I am very concerned with the current agenda for catching up on immunizations as they are written in this bill. So far I have been able to make philosophical exemptions for my son, and now that the law is on the brink of change, I am supposed to make up 5 YEARS of immunizations in just 14 months (even with the exclusion date of [2/1/2021](#) This agenda is unsafe for my son.) There is a medical reason these vaccinations are spread out, yet this new bill puts my son in dangers way in order to comply with the law. Even if I get a shot for him once every two months, there is a chance that he may fall ill before an immunization, which means we would have to detour from our scheduled update plan, and therefore means my son would be excluded from his education.

This is horrific! I have rights for my son to receive an education, and I have rights to keep him safe from inoculation at a rate much too rapid for any human body. There absolutely must be a safe grace period for our children with a shift in a law such as this.

I am proposing that in the bill a section be written for a fair and safe agreement to be made between the parent and the doctor for an immunization catch up schedule. This schedule needs to allow room for if the child falls ill and the update schedule becomes slightly altered. As it is now, children are not permitted to receive an inoculation if they are ill and their immune system is under fire, this new law should not interfere with said safety guidelines.

Please let my concerns be heard. Please help protect my child, and all other children in this position from being harmed with this new bills intention.

Thank you so much.
Sincerely,

Jennifer Shuman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Saundra Alma](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: ALBANY, OREGON
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:39:16 PM

Hello committee members,

I am writing you today with strong opposition to HB 3063! First and foremost, this a violation of our constitutional rights.

Next I would like to say how this will be a huge impact on Oregon. I for one, with many other parents I have spoke with, will move out of this state. This is quite unfortunate because all of my kids were born and raised here and planned to have many more generations grow up in this beautiful state. My two older children who are college bound, also have said they will leave this state because they do not want to have any of their medical choices forced on them, nor their children in the future. Now you will be losing 2 college tuition accounts.

This will also impact MANY Oregonians in ways such as parents having to leave their job to homeschool, families uprooting to move out of state because they refuse to be FORCED into medical choices, companies losing employees or possibly having to close their business. Some may even take it as far as to file a law suit for discrimination, will the state of Oregon be ready for that financial burden? How about law suits from those that had a medical exemptions signed by their doctor, but OHA deemed it not worthy?

Beyond the outcome of financial issues, there is human rights issues! This bill is blatantly segregating children and their families, please don't make Oregon be known for this!

Thank you,
SAUNDRA ALMA
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From: [Brian Price](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony for Opposition to HB 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:06:04 AM

Dear Oregon Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing you to express my opposition to HB 3063. I understand the fear diseases have recently caused and know certain vaccines like tetanus serve a purpose in limiting exposure; however, removing my right as a parent to not vaccinate my child under the direction of our family doctor and according to our philosophical and religious beliefs is not the right approach as HB 3063 seeks to do. If vaccines are so safe as advertised, why are roughly 50% of physicians across America not fully vaccinated. That seems like a contradiction in itself from the people promoting vaccines.

I present four main reasons why I am opposed to HB 3063:

1. As a resident of Wilsonville, OR and father of a young female 1st grader at a West Linn-Wilsonville School District primary school, removing my vaccine exemption will have devastating effects on my family and my daughter's ability and right to an education funded by my income and property taxes. Our 7 year old daughter has never been severely ill nor has she contracted a known disease that vaccinations are supposed to prevent. We believe the human body was designed with an amazing immune system that can and will fight off incoming illnesses and that breast feeding early in life provides antibodies already developed within the mother's body (especially if momma was vaccinated). OHA should not be granted the ability to decide future mandatory vaccinations and parents should have authority and right to decide what's best for our children. Currently, the government doesn't remove a woman's pro choice rights, neither should HB 3063 remove parental rights.
2. My wife is currently a teacher specializing in ESL education in the Woodburn School District and should HB 3063 become law, she will have to leave the teaching profession to homeschool our daughter and that loss of her roughly \$60,000 income would be devastating on our family. The impact she is making on students in that school will be lost once she leaves the classroom and Woodburn SD will lose out on one of their best ESL teachers (just ask her principal).
3. Should HB 3063 become law, the legislature would be placing extreme financial pressure on school districts across the state as over 31,000 students will no longer be allowed to attend school or attend extracurricular activities (as amended) like band, football games, choir, etc. As you know, schools are funded on enrollment and losing this many students will cost districts over \$403,000,000 in revenue (~\$13,000 per child spent by Oregon times 31,000), which will lead to teacher/staff layoffs across Oregon. Soon, teachers across the state will be coming to Salem to rally for funding. Are you prepared to tell school districts they will have to lay off staff next school year because their funding has been cut? Are you prepared for the loss of tax revenue across the state due to laid off employees not having a paycheck?
4. And finally, when you assumed your role as a legislature for Oregon, you swore to uphold and

defend the state's constitution. Section 3 of the Oregon Bill of Rights states, "***Freedom of religious opinion.*** *No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise, and enjoyment of religious [sic] opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience.—*". HB 3063 violates this directly and should not be considered any further.

Please think about the ramifications HB 3063 will have and all the lives across this state you will impact.

I pray this bill will not move forward.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Price, PHR

Human Resources Manager

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From: [Matt Shipkey](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: STATE BUDGET COMMUNITY HEARING – PUBLIC WRITTEN TESTIMONY (Resident of Portland)
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:43:47 AM

Dear Ways & Means Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support House Bill 2729 and to fund the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program at \$10 million for the upcoming budget biennium.

The East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is a non-regulatory body that serves Multnomah County east of the Willamette River with a primary purpose of keeping water clean, conserving water and keeping soil healthy. One way we effect that work is through working to ensure a sustainable future for agriculture within our service area. That work is absolutely imperative – as Multnomah County has seen some 50,000 acres of farmland converted to other uses since 1945 and has some of the highest agricultural land values in the entire state. Without strategies that make sure farmland remains in production, is accessible and affordable to farmers and is sustainably managed, it's unlikely that agriculture will be a part of our future.

The East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is tackling this issue in many ways, but a key focus has been through our Working Farmland Protection Program. This program partners on a voluntary basis with farmers to purchase working lands conservation easements that ensure farm properties remain in active production, are sustainably managed and are accessible and affordable to the next generation of farmers. There is demand from the farming community to participate in such efforts – East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District submitted 5 letters of interest encompassing 5 farms as part of the recent Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program solicitation for an indication of levels of interest for participation in a working lands easement program. Our resources to fund these easement acquisitions – which can provide an important source of capital for farmers – are limited. Leveraging our funds with State dollars and federal funds will enable us to expand our impact at this “make or break” moment for agriculture here within the service area of the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

The East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District also provides resources for farm succession planning – a critical need with 2/3^{rds} of OR farmland expected to change hands in the next 20 years. Our collaborations with experts have been effective in helping farm families develop these critical farm succession plans, but the programming is costly and could potentially be offered more widely and on a longer-term basis if we could draw upon the State funding envisioned through OAHP.

Agriculture is vital to the future prosperity, health and character of Oregon. It is a huge driver for our economy, can provide clean air and water and is a treasured part of our heritage and character. Please help us ensure a future for farming by helping us support current and future generations of farmers through funding the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program in the amount of \$10 million.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Matt Shipkey, Land Legacy Program Manager

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From: [David and Julie Pond](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony for opposition to HB 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:09:43 AM

We'd like to include testimony with a medical journal article we recently found regarding our opposition to HB 3063 which was passed on the working floor last week.

There are well respected scientific journal articles that are available which have proven research on the **non-specific effects of non-live (inactivated) vaccines to the health of a child**. In the current WHO routine childhood [immunization schedule](#) a non-live vaccine such as DTP is most of the time the last given vaccine until the next vaccine is administered. Minor changes in the recommended order of childhood vaccinations, basically adding two extra MV doses to the schedule, could have a huge impact on overall mortality and morbidity ([The non-specific effects of vaccines: Current evidence and potential implications](#), de Bree *et al.*, 2018). Here is the [YouTube TedTalks](#) link with the presentation on this research. Why is herd immunity **using a non-live vaccine beginning on the day of a child's birth** for these immunizations when the vast majority of Americans do not have these immunizations and there is scientifically published proof that non-live vaccines cause non-specific health effects on children? **Again, we are not opposed to vaccinations against Hepatitis A or Hepatitis B, just the required schedule of these non-live immunizations immediately following birth. When schedules are mandated like the current bill is encouraging without scientifically sound information proving with 100% certainty no effects on children there is extreme implications that should be taken into account. If you are unable to show the general public well respected research with 100% certainty of no side effect or autoimmune risk then you are simply taking away our right to consent to a vaccine.**

Regards,

David and Julie Pond

The above is an excerpt from the following letter sent to other senators and representatives:

Please consider this our letter of opposition to HB 3063, particularly the amendments to Section 2 ORS 433.267. The following are the main reasons we are encouraging you to oppose this health bill. **Please note that we are not opposed to vaccinations, but rather the schedule and non-live vaccine types required of these vaccinations before children are two days old, before daycare, preschool and grade school.**

There are well respected scientific journal articles that are available which have proven research on the **non-specific effects of non-live (inactivated) vaccines to the health of a child**. In the current WHO routine childhood [immunization schedule](#) a non-live vaccine such as DTP is most of the time the last given vaccine until the next vaccine is administered. Minor changes in the recommended order of childhood vaccinations, basically adding two extra MV doses to the schedule, could have a huge impact on overall mortality and morbidity ([The non-specific effects of vaccines: Current evidence and potential implications](#), de Bree *et al.*, 2018). Here is the [YouTube TedTalks](#) link with the presentation on this research. Why is herd immunity **using a non-live vaccine beginning on the day of a child's birth** for these immunizations when the vast majority of Americans do not have these immunizations and there is scientifically published proof that non-live vaccines cause non-specific health effects on children? **Again, we are not opposed to vaccinations against Hepatitis A or Hepatitis B, just the required schedule of these non-live immunizations immediately following birth.**

Furthermore, our family has a history of autoimmune disease, specifically [Ankylosing spondylitis](#).

Following a modified vaccination schedule (delaying vaccines, spacing out injections) is logical to reduce insult to the immune system, allowing the system time to respond to vaccines in a healthy way. Any unnecessary risk of stimulating the immune system (from currently required Chickenpox and Hepatitis vaccines) poses a high risk of triggering the start of the genetic autoimmune response. While we agree that there are many reasons for medical exceptions there are more shades of grey than black and white which we encourage you to consider. The likelihood of receiving a medical exception to delay/spread out vaccinations for our genetically predisposed children is unlikely under the current standards. **Why should our children not be allowed to attend public school because their health concerns fall outside the absolute medical exception?** We fear that restrictive legislation could cause a drastic decrease in preventative doctor office visits.

Please consider the logic and the science of immunization effectiveness and how that relates to overstimulating a baby/young child's underdeveloped immune system when administering multiple vaccines in one visit. **Please educate people on the research that shows with 100% certainty that all vaccines will not trigger an autoimmune risk/response in children. If you are unable to show the general public well respected research with 100% certainty of no side effect or autoimmune risk then you are simply taking away our right to consent to a vaccine.** How are you able to **make an informed decision** unless you have the respectable **research to prove no autoimmune harm?**

Please feel free to share any of our content or ask any additional questions.

Thanks for your time,

David and Julie Pond

From: [U Basargin](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Woodburn, Or
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:17:13 AM

Why I oppose HB3063?

Because we Oregonians believe medical decisions should be made in the privacy of a doctor's office, not in the state legislature.

Because we Oregonians value religious freedom and do not want to abolish religious freedoms for any reason.

Because we Oregonians want all children to have access to education--and this bill takes that away from children. Your child may not even attend on-line school the way the bill is written now, if your child is missing just one vaccine.

Because we Oregonians think it is a terrible idea to try to coerce parents into one-size-fits-all.

Because there is no emergency in Oregon which would justify this kind of forced medical intervention

Thank u!!

DATE: March 16, 2019

TO: Joint Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Melanie Kebler, Bend attorney

SUBJECT: HB 2239, providing a new judge for Deschutes County Circuit Court (Eleventh Judicial District)

Thank you for holding this State Budget Community Hearing here in Redmond so that constituents from Central Oregon and other neighboring areas of Oregon can attend and speak to you about our priorities. I am testifying today in support of HB 2239, specifically the provision that would provide an additional judge for the Deschutes County Circuit Court.

My name is Melanie Kebler and I am an attorney working out of the Bend office of the nonprofit Oregon Crime Victims Law Center. My testimony here represents my own personal opinions as a career prosecutor and attorney for crime victims and does not reflect the opinions or positions of my employer. I passed the bar in 2008 and spent the beginning of my career working as a prosecutor on the coast and in the valley, specializing in the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes. Those crimes frequently involved child victims or child witnesses to crimes of abuse. I worked closely with victims of crime who keenly felt the effects of being exposed to trauma, either directly or indirectly. The victims I worked with often experienced symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and depression because of the crimes committed against them. Remember that these victims were thrust into the criminal justice system through no fault of their own, and had very little control over how the criminal case proceeded. Court delays for the victims of crime that I worked with were excruciating and could exacerbate their trauma symptoms, not to mention make my cases more difficult to prove as witness memories faded, children grew up, and the families torn apart by trauma attempted to move on with their lives. However, moving on was an impossible task when a pending trial continued to loom over their life for many many months, or even years. As a prosecutor, I witnessed first hand the detrimental effect that a slow court system has on victims of crime.

When I transitioned to working for the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center, I began representing victims directly to help them assert and enforce their rights as victims in the criminal justice system. I have repeatedly made arguments to judges to avoid continuing a case, relaying the objection of my client the victim. Far too often, I have seen victims ready to go, prosecutor and defense prepared, only for the case to be "bumped" or rescheduled solely due to the lack of judges available to hear a trial. Though a victim has a statutory right in Oregon to have their case concluded with all practicable speed, this can seem impossible to uphold when there is simply not a courtroom to spare to hear their case.

When I came to Deschutes County to practice, I immediately learned that our courts here are very backed up. To be frank, I learned that if it's not a restraining order or a case involving an

in-custody defendant, good luck getting a trial within a year. And for a civil case? Good luck getting a trial date even in that time period. I learned that a first trial date setting (four to six months out) is very unlikely to actually be heard, and most likely will be bumped by an older case. The number of cases that are coming into the system is overwhelming for the judges and staff attempting to tackle the flow, schedule hearings, make critical decisions, and move cases along. One additional judge is an important, crucially needed first step towards having a court system in Deschutes County that will be able to keep up with the number of cases and litigants in an area that has seen rapid growth and will continue to grow. Unfortunately, this is one of the slowest courts I have practiced in during my career when it comes to scheduling and completing cases. In my work, that means that my clients, victims of crime, who are only part of a criminal case because of the actions of another person, are being hurt by the court's inability to achieve swift and certain results in their cases.

Because of my background, I chose today to focus on speaking to you mainly about the importance of a speedy resolution of a criminal case to victims of crime. But I know that an additional judge in Deschutes County would help vulnerable members of our community in another way - specifically that it would allow for our local courts to meet timeliness standards in child welfare cases, including shelter hearings, which are crucial to assuring the well being of potentially endangered children in our community. My work as a prosecutor involved working with multi-disciplinary teams on the issues of child abuse and child welfare, and I have conducted shelter hearings where judges had to make important, swift decisions about how best to care for a child who could be in an unsafe situation. There is no more vulnerable population than these children who, like victims of crime, find themselves involved in a court case through no fault of their own. They should also be afforded speedy court case results in Deschutes County.

For these reasons, I urge you to move HB 2239 forward and provide the Deschutes County Circuit Court with an additional judge.

Thank you,

Melanie Kebler
Attorney
OSB 083798

From: [Cyndi Karp](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [# LC Kaety Jacobson](#); [Sen Roblan](#); [Rep Gomberg](#)
Subject: Support SB 445 Invasive Species Council Funding & Local Reps.
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:46:35 PM

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

I strongly support SB 445 – Oregon Invasive Species Council bill that improves local representation on the Council.
SB 445 also requests \$250,000 for coordination, education/outreach grant program & emergency control.
The Invasive Species Council is strategic for the management of Oregon Invasive Species. Please fully fund SB 445.

Thank you for your full consideration.

Cyndi Karp
Waldport, Oregon 97394

From: [Cyndi Karp](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [# LC Kaety Jacobson](#); [Rep Gomberg](#); [Sen Roblan](#); [ODA Willamette Invasive Weeds](#)
Subject: Support SB 257 Full Funding
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 2:08:01 PM

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

SB 257 – OSU's Statewide Public Service Programs, including the Extension Service and the Solve Pest Problem program.

SB 257 requests major recurring funding for integrated pest management research and extension including Solve Pest Problems program

The funding also provides a web-based tool for reducing the impacts of pests and pest management practices on people & the environment in non-ag settings.

Both Research & Outreach programs are strategically critical for the management of Invasive Species in Oregon. Please fully fund SB 257.

Thank you for your full consideration to support Invasive Species Research & Outreach for Oregonians.

Cyndi Karp
Waldport, OR 97394

From: [Cyndi Karp](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [# LC Kaety Jacobson](#); [Rep Gomberg](#); [Sen Roblan](#); [ODA Willamette Invasive Weeds](#); [OR Gov Kate Brown Natural Resources Policy Manager Jason Miner](#)
Subject: Support SB 445 Invasive Species Funding
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 2:34:30 PM

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Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

I strongly support SB 445 for Oregon Invasive Species Council Representation & Funding. Submitting additional information accidentally omitted on previous support request.

SB 445 requests Oregon Invasive Species Council which improves local representation on the Council.

SB 445 requests \$250,000 for the OISC trust account which would support coordination efforts, strategic plan implementation, education & outreach grant programs & Council operations.

SB 445 requests \$200,000 for the OISC control account which supports rapid response activities for new invasive species control & eradication efforts for emergency control of invasive species.

Thank you for your full consideration of these critical issues for Invasive Species in Oregon.

Best Wishes,

Cyndi Karp
Waldport, OR 97394

From: [Tonja Boi](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: No On HB3063 - Woodburn
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:23:07 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I, Antanina Boianoff a constituent, am writing to tell you that I oppose HB3063, the bill that removes my right as an American citizen to exercise Religious Exemption.

This bill is in direct violation of my First Amendment right to freely exercise my religion as well my right as a parent to make medical decisions for my child.

100 years ago my great grandparents were forced to run from Russia because of government taking away human rights. They came here to live a better life. Now OUR government is trying to do the same thing. If we do not learn from history we are bound to repeat it. This bill strips our right for religious exemption. It will also cause segregation. How will students be identified without it being a violation of HIPPA?

If HB 3063 is for the safety for our children then why not take away the rights of everyone involved with school. Why not have ALL doctors, nurses, teachers, bus drivers, janitors, teachers aids, counselors, school visitors, coaches, district officials/managers, and parents be fully vaccinated? Why not take away philosophical and religious exemption for all of them too? By the logic of this bill you would have to take away the rights from the individuals listed above.

For parents being held hostage between choosing daycare and education for their children, following their religious and philosophical beliefs or loss of income if one parent has to stay home with their children, how will the loss of parental income be addressed? As two income families go to one income, it will decrease state income tax and increase families qualifying for OHP, WIC and SNAP. How will this potential shift in revenue and expenses be managed?

Leading scientists and doctors once told us smoking cigarettes was healthy and did not cause cancer. They were wrong. Vaccines are not 100% safe and effective so they should not be forced upon anyone. When there is so much risk there should be choice.

The right to medical freedom is on the line and if this bill passes, not only will there be significant consequences on the lives of so many children and their families, but on the financial stability of our state.

I oppose HB3063 and I hope that you do too.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Antanina Boianoff

From: [Clark Heidi](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Fwd: HB 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:29:58 PM

I am writing to voice my opposition to house bill 3063, especially with the even more restrictive -13 amendment added on.

This is way too extreme for Oregon. This bill will separate and isolate from their peers children whose parents have chosen to skip one or more vaccines for a number of reasons. Their children will not be allowed to attend public schools- it may be wise to consider the level of opposition a large number of families will feel to paying taxes for public education that their child is no longer allowed to access.

I have been a liberal democrat for my entire life, but I was baffled to hear the Republican's comments on the bill and to find that they are the only ones sounding reasonable about this. I am experiencing some serious cognitive dissonance as a result.

Though there are extreme views on both sides, the majority of viewpoints do not fall into the "all vaccines are miracles" or "all vaccines are poison" categories. As a naturopathic physician, my colleagues and I work with the thousands of parents and children who fall somewhere in between. Their children already have sensory processing disorder, have experienced a poor reaction to a vaccine already, have a genetic disorder that leaves them susceptible to the ingredients in vaccines, or have a sibling who falls into the category of vaccine-injured. Or maybe they just want to skip Hep B for their infant, and now their child will be kicked out of school and any school-related event.

As a physician, I know that medical exemptions are extremely difficult to come by and cannot be granted by a physician. The majority of children whose families need to be concerned about their vaccine reactions are not able to obtain a medical exemption. So, it is this population of children, medically vulnerable to vaccination, who will be hurt the most by this. This is my patient population, so I care about their lives and feel deeply concerned about legislation that will bring harm to them.

This decision is throwing thousands of Oregon families into panic and turmoil, as they consider leaving the state, or quitting their jobs to home-school their children. It seems like a careless and utterly cruel decision to leave them in this impossible situation.

As a physician, I am concerned.

As a democrat, I am disillusioned.

As an Oregon resident, I am shocked and disappointed.

Heidi Clark, ND, LAc

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From: [Jesse Johnson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: vote "no" to HB3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:30:32 PM

I hope you'll consider voting 'no' to this bill and, in doing so, saying 'yes' to a population of choice, economic prosperity, and, in the long run, better health. Like thousands of others, my family and I will leave the state and remove our son from PPS if this bill passes.

Thank you for all that you do,
Jesse

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Jesse Johnson
Equine-Based Leadership
supergivers.com

Testimony against HB3063 Ways and Means Committee

My name is Sylvia Colasacco from Portland OR.

I am testifying against HB3063. I have 3 children that are mostly vaccinated. I stopped vaccinating after my youngest regressed into severe autism. My oldest 2 were fully vaccinated to get into Kindergarten.

I will not vaccinate them further. I will not take any more risk. It is my right to informed consent. I do not consent.

Furthermore, my youngest child who is missing 3 boosters. has an IEP in special Ed. This is federally mandated. I will not be blackmailed into vaccinating him. I will not sacrifice his health further by updating his boosters. I will take legal action. Many of us will take legal action as denying special education and IEP for special needs children is against federal law.

We are taxpaying property owners. If my children are not allowed their public education that our tax money goes to, we will sell our house and relocate out of state.

We will not comply to the State's blackmail forcing us to undergo a medical procedures which carry risks of injury and death. We will not submit to a corrupt system that protects the makers of these products being forced on us.

My two oldest children developed allergies to penicillin. It would be negligent to give them penicillin for infections. This doesn't make us "anti-antibiotics." My children are sensitive to vaccines. They have a genetic mutation that makes them more susceptible to injury. I will not risk their health for hypothetical outbreaks. My responsibility is to MY children. Not anyone else's.

This is nothing more than a sales pitch and power grab by the vaccine makers to get more uptake. When they can't do it through voluntary means, they buy off politicians to mandate it. I will not participate. My

family has suffered enough. We will not take those risks and it is our right to not be forced to undergo these medical procedures.

This is not about whether you're for or against vaccines. The majority of Oregonians, (myself included,) have their children vaccinated with some or all vaccines. This is about civil liberties and government overreach. This bill goes too far and is allowing modern day segregation. The ones that will be most affected by this bill are special needs families such as ours.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Colasacco

From: [Erica Peirson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:17:58 PM

Ways and Means Committee,

I'm writing to you with my concerns regarding HB 3063. I'm a parent, a physician and a proud Oregonian.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the nation's federal special education law that ensures public schools serve the educational needs of students with disabilities. IDEA requires that schools provide special education services to eligible students as outlined in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). IDEA also provides very specific requirements to guarantee a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment (LRE). FAPE and LRE are the protected rights of every eligible child, in all fifty states and U.S. Territories.

How will the state of Oregon financially meet requirements laid out by the federally mandated IDEA if a student with an IEP is not allowed in public schools? How will this be coordinated with schools? How will "least restrictive" be interpreted? It could easily be argued that not allowing a student to attend within a classroom environment and segregating them from their peers defines "restrictive".

Approximately 13.3 percent of Oregon students qualify for special education services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, according to figures from 2017. That percent is likely larger now and will grow in the future as this population of children is the fastest growing area of education in the state. A higher percentage of these children likely have non-medical vaccination exemptions due to more complicated medical histories.

Allowing HB 3063 to pass will create an enormous hardship on the disability community as many parents of children with a disability who have chosen a modified or slower vaccination schedule for their children rely on the school to not only educate their children but to provide speech therapy, behavioral therapy, social connection and a sense of community. Segregating these children from schools makes this vulnerable population of children who already experience a great deal of discrimination in today's society even more vulnerable due to lack of proper education, services and peer connections.

My son has a genetic condition and a very complicated medical history that involves his immune and neurological system. Only I and his doctors know what he's been through. He does not qualify for a medical exemption for vaccination because he has not experienced an anaphylactic reaction to a vaccine or encephalitis secondary to a

vaccine. As a very knowledgeable physician, one who has studied the immune and nervous system in great depth on behalf of my son and my patients, I am concerned about the role that too many vaccinations can have on his system. I have taken a slow and careful approach to vaccination for him, but not avoided vaccinations altogether. For example, we have chosen to avoid the Hepatitis B vaccine for now because my 11 yo son does not and will not be using IV drugs or having sexual contact with others. Retrospective studies have looked at the consequences of the Hepatitis B vaccine specifically. One such study was published in March of 2018 in the Journal Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology. They stated, “During the decade from 1991 to 2001 that infants were routinely exposed to T-HepB in the United States (US), an estimated 1.3-2.5 million children were diagnosed with ADHD with excess lifetime costs estimated at US \$350-\$660 billion as a consequence of T-HepB.” (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29413097>). I’m not willing to take expose my son to this risk while his brain is still developing and we’re still working to optimize his immune and nervous system function.

Children like my son, who have not been studied in regards to vaccine safety, are not being taken into consideration when vaccinations for all children are being mandated. No studies exist looking at the safety of vaccines, in isolation or in combination, in children with genetic conditions.

There are many other details surrounding this bill that are not being laid out as it is currently written. Children will be exposed to other children in many more environments than public schools like children’s museums, the grocery store, the library, gymnasiums, play areas at restaurants. The list is endless. Removing children who have not received the full CDC schedule of vaccines from one potential exposure environment is not going to change any exposure risks. As well, we all know that Oregon already exceeds herd immunity.

OHA 2018 Data for Oregon K-12 vaccine rates per vaccine and Herd Immunity Threshold

Disease	Transmission	Ro	Herd Immunity Threshold	**Percent Vaccinated in Oregon in 2018	Exceeds Threshold by at least %
Diphtheria	Saliva	6-7	85%	95.3%	10.3%
Measles	Airborne	12-18	83-94% /95%	95.9-96.7%	0.9-1.7%
Mumps	Saliva	4-7	75-86%	96.7%	10.7%
Pertussis	Airborne	12-17	92-94%	95.3%	1.3%
Polio	Fecal-oral	5-7	80-86%	95.9%	9.9%
Rubella	Airborne	6-7	83-85%	96.7%	11.7%
*Chicken Pox	Airborne/lesions		86-91%	96.5%	5.5%

Modified from Epid Rev 1993;15: 265-302, Am J Prev Med 2001; 20 (4S): 88-153, MMWR 2000; 49 (SS-9): 27-38

**OHA Data 2018- Percent of students complete for school required vaccines, grades K-12

*Hum Vaccin Immunother. 2012 Feb;8(2):184-8. doi: 10.4161/hv.18444. Evaluation of the establishment of herd immunity in the population by means of serological surveys and vaccination coverage. Plans-Rubio PI.

If the core of this bill is to protect immune vulnerable children where is the protection for my son who many would consider vulnerable to an adverse reaction to vaccines, one that might not be recognized immediately? I work with many truly immune compromised children and their parents are concerned about a lot more than communicable diseases associated with vaccinations. They keep their children home to avoid simple colds and other viral conditions not associated with a vaccine.

Please vote for freedom, bodily autonomy, parental rights and physicians' right in opposing HB 3063.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Erica Peirson
Physician/Owner, Peirson Center for Children

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From: [Alp Goldsmith](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Mandatory vaccination
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:31:22 PM

I unable to attend meeting on 21st. Please accept my disapproval of proposal to deny children to opt out of immunizations. Alp Goldsmith, 16470 SW Rosa Rd, Beaverton, Or 97007

Sent from my iPad

From: [Cev Kuznetsov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: In Reference to House Bill 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:47:42 PM

Good Afternoon,

The words quoted below were written by a woman that I deeply respect and admire. It is everything I would want to say but have a hard time finding the words for.

I find myself right in the middle of the vaccine debate, I am vaccinated myself and am vaccinating my children but would not consider myself pro-vaccine. I, too, am 100% Choice-Affirming and support the right of every parent to choose. I oppose the Mandatory Vaccine Bill, HB 3063.

I follow Dr. Paul Thomas' vaccine plan, which means that my daughter would have most of the vaccines by the time she would start kindergarten. One that I do not plan on giving her until she is a teenager is Hepatitis B. The aluminum (250 micrograms) is much too high for a newborn or young child, and since you catch hepatitis B from exchanging bodily fluids during sex, as well as from IV drug use and contaminated blood, I would want to wait until she is much older (especially since I, as the birth mother, do not have Hep B myself). If this bill was to pass, my choice not to give her this one vaccine would make her ineligible to go to public school, even though she would have the immunization against all of the other, much more communicable, diseases.

All I want is the ability to choose what I feel is right for our family. If one of my children was to have a vaccine reaction (such as an auto-immune condition), I want the ability to choose to not vaccinate her anymore even though I would continue to vaccinate the rest of my children. Even though a medical exemption has been included in the bill, medical exemptions for vaccines in the past have been much too difficult to get for many folk and I don't expect that to change. To have to continue to vaccinate a child who has issues processing the shots would break my heart.

Thank you for reading this and letting me share my thoughts. Much appreciation!

Sincerely,
Cevestiana Kuznetsov

Begin Quote:

I VERY MUCH hesitate to say any of this, because I know that I will immediately be "labeled." But here's what I deeply, firmly feel. The vaccine conversation, 99% of the time, comes from a profoundly toxic place. (This group is an exception!) Generally, there is no in-between in the current dominant narrative. There is no "middle ground." The current narrative allows only for "Pro" or "Anti" and nothing in-between. Either you ARE or you AREN'T.

This view lacks nuance, context, compassion, and often, scientific knowledge. THIS IS BY DESIGN. We are very much being "fed" a narrative of fear, hatred, and often inaccurate information to pit PRO against ANTI. So that awareness comes first (and I think the people in this group are fully aware of this, which is why we can have these conversations here).

I'm going to say a few things here that will FEEL, because of our current narrative, very anti-vaccine. I am NOT anti-vaccine. Not for one second. But I hesitate to call myself pro-vaccine, because of this:

I AM 100% CHOICE-AFFIRMING. I support the RIGHT of every parent to CHOOSE. The current political climate, where bills are being shoved through that strip parents of their rights to opt out of vaccines, is some show-us-your-papers type shit and I am 100% AGAINST it. Full stop.

This is why I'll probably sound a little anti-leaning in this post, but please remember I'm not. I simply have some truly overwhelming compassion for parents who are well-educated, well-read, and still don't want to vaccinate, or who want to do a delayed or partial schedule.

This is in part because I know that vaccinated children are not overwhelmingly "at risk" from the unvaccinated. In fact, the truth might be the exact opposite (see pertussis section below). This is a complex topic, and I don't have time to go into it here. But the logic of that statement, and the oft-used "but what about kids who are too sick to be vaccinated" argument, lack nuance and are at least partially inaccurate. This will be the longest post EVER if I get into that, so I'll skip it here.

In short, I AM damn sick of the WEAPONIZED INACCURACIES that are forced down our throats, dividing us, distracting us from the fact that what we ALL want is healthy, protected children. So I think a few things are worth pointing out, because they aren't being discussed in the mainstream. And to get this discussion to a place that's actually CONSTRUCTIVE for families, that sounds more like the conversations we have in this group, that drives science forward, that helps protect children...the conversation HAS to change.

We have to acknowledge the flaws on BOTH SIDES. In fact, we first need to acknowledge one super scary, awful thing:

There is no perfect way to protect our children from this harsh, sometimes awful, unfair world. Even though most of what we've constructed in the world, from healthcare to politics, is an effort to reduce risk. It's deeply embedded in our nature. But the truth is, both choices come with risks.

I think some of the pro-vaccine aggression and lack of compassion that I see amongst some of the scientists I follow is due to the fact that humans want CERTAINTY. (That's sort of the goal of all scientists, right?) We want to take an action (vaccinate or not vaccinate) and have a predictable outcome (child protected). We want one choice to be "right" and the other "wrong." This is normal. But it's not how it works. We have science that makes this very clear.

Truth:

UNvaccinated children contract vaccine-preventable illnesses and die. This is incredibly rare.

Vaccinated children suffer irreparable harm, sometimes death, from vaccine reactions. This is also incredibly rare.

UNvaccinated children also suffer long-term consequences from certain illnesses that might have been prevented by vaccines. This is also incredibly rare.

Vaccinated children suffer long-term consequences from non-life-threatening neurological and autoimmune reactions to vaccines, as well as waning immunity (more on that momentarily). Also incredibly rare. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28154539>

UNvaccinated children sometimes deal with the inconvenience of certain illnesses that were once considered “normal” - chicken pox and measles, to name a few. Fairly rare.

Vaccinated children might deal with future illnesses like shingles, an incredibly painful condition, due to waning immunity from chicken pox vaccine. Fairly rare.

(I could go on.)

Most of us can agree on all this. But let's dig in with some of what's often left out of the conversation:

1. Vaccinated children also sometimes still contract vaccine-preventable illnesses.

This is because vaccine-induced immunity wanes at different rates in different children. For example, vaccine-induced protection against pertussis can wane after just a few years, whereas wild-type infections (which most people don't get any more) confer decades of protection for most individuals.

Speaking of pertussis. A HUGE ongoing challenge of pertussis vaccine technology is not just waning immunity, but also that “children who were primed by DTaP vaccines” are actually “MORE susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes” (emphasis mine). As someone who is TERRIFIED of pertussis, it was not encouraging to me to learn that vaccinating might do the exact OPPOSITE of what I want it to do.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30793754/>

It is also known that vaccinated individuals can be asymptomatic CARRIERS of pertussis. A vaccinated child could thus infect an unvaccinated child, never having known they were spreading the illness. In this way, a vaccinated individual could pose a real threat to an UNvaccinated child.

This means that the responsibility of the vaccinating parent does not stop with vaccination. We still need to monitor antibodies, keep children HOME when ill (because “it can't be pertussis, she's vaccinated!” Is NOT correct reasoning), and to be aware of the fact that a vaccinated child might be an asymptomatic CARRIER of illness and to stay away from newborns and the immune-compromised.

One advantage of an unvaccinated child in this scenario, is that if they had pertussis, YOU'D

KNOW IT and you'd keep your kid home, lessening the possible spreading of the illness.

I personally know the mother of an infant who contracted pertussis a few months back, with a large lag in diagnosis because the entire family, including baby, was vaccinated and doctors "didn't think it was possible."

2. There have been no longitudinal studies comparing vaccinated individuals to unvaccinated individuals, and no placebo controlled studies. I believe one doctor in Oregon was conducting this research, but with recent bills introduced in Oregon this may never happen. This bothers me, and it's a question I believe the vaccine industry needs to address as soon as possible.

We need to know whether naturally-acquired immunity holds any advantages to vaccine-induced immunity so, at the very least, we can make vaccines BETTER. Looking at genetics, the microbiome, and the gut would be a HUGE boon to improving immunity, but I don't think anyone has figured out how to profit from this on a large scale. (IF we REALLY care about health and immunity, there are MANY added ways we can go about it.)

3. Humans have a symbiotic relationship with some viruses.

While some viruses are simply dangerous, there are also cases where viruses are actually CURATIVE. Read this FASCINATING study "Measles to the Rescue."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5086626/#!po=20.3125> The measles virus, scientifically engineered to literally cause resistant cancer cells to explode and die. (A reaction that is nearly impossible if one has been vaccinated against measles, unless some bypassing technology can be developed). If nothing else, this study proves that this topic, and our relationship with pathogens, is more nuanced and complex than we often believe.

There are other vaccine-preventable illnesses I haven't listed here that are absolutely MORE dangerous should they be contracted. Polio. Diphtheria. Tetanus. HiB. Others. This is what makes this such a gut-wrenching conversation. Many parents would LOVE to vaccinate against MOST illnesses, but unfortunately, trivalent vaccines (DTaP, MMR) do not give that option. I fully understand why a parent wouldn't want to vaccinate for Hepatitis B (an STD vaccine given within hours of birth), chicken pox, rotavirus, and even measles and pertussis.

Unfortunately, because the US government has removed all liability from vaccine manufacturers - meaning NOBODY is responsible if a child suffers a reaction - this also makes it much easier to strip parents of choice. Because there's no liability. I think that's VERY messed up. There have been many points in my journey through the research where I've said to myself "C'MON, MAN! If we want kids to be vaccinated, we've got to quit with this bullshit!"

Back to the scientists I follow. Several of them - and they are "big names" in the scientific community - are doing a delayed or reduced schedule out of concerns for the immune-activating properties of the current vaccine schedule. Yes, vaccines are supposed to activate

the immune system. But an activated immune system can also become an OVER-activated, and this is where autoimmune conditions might be triggered. There is scientific literature on this. I personally know of one child who has an incurable autoimmune condition, confirmed by her pro-vaccine doctor, as a result of the MMR vaccine. This is often referred to as “Acceptable Risk,” another concept to which I wholeheartedly object. (That’s also for another time.)

Again, I’m not against vaccines. But I AM against a dishonest conversation that sweeps these childrens’ stories under the rug, that doesn’t seek to understand, as if the mere mention of them makes you “not with us, but against us.” THAT is not cool with me.

Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a concerted scientific effort to track this or even ascertain who might be more vulnerable to a catastrophic vaccine reaction. With our expanding understanding and tracking of genetics and the microbiome and epigenetics, this is absolutely bonkers to me. (And vaccine reactions DO OCCUR; this is not up for debate. This is why the United States Congress referred to vaccines as “unavoidably unsafe,” language taken from the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act.)

It is true that I do not publicize our vaccine status OR our healthcare decisions (in fact, I’m going to remove that from the previous post) because I don’t want people to make a decision because of something I did (or didn’t do). I have seen and heard too much heartbreak on BOTH sides to be the deciding factor in a decision like this.

I know this wasn’t really an answer to the original question. But, I felt compelled to say it. Again, I’m sick of the polarity we see (outside this group) and the black/white conversations. If we want to figure this out, and REALLY protect children, more of us need to converse the way we do here. We need more transparency, more answered questions, more compassion, and more acknowledgement that this might just be a scary world no matter what we do - and we need to learn to sit with that.

Love you all!

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Subject: Forced Vaccinations Are Immoral, Illegal, Unconstitutional, Unnecessary and Enormously Costly for Oregon Taxpayers
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:10:52 PM
Attachments: [VaccineFlyer2019.pdf](#)

March 20, 2019

Dear Ways & Mean Committee and Representatives,

My fiancée and I were asked to attend a meeting in Salem today called by Speaker Kotek. She wanted to hear the concerns some of us had about our reported incidents of Representative's Staff Members not being accessible and listening to, and even calling campus police on, lobbying on Lobbying Day against [House Bill 3063](#). Her response was that, basically to paraphrase, maybe staff were having a bad day, or were unfamiliar with dealing with the public, and we should just not worry about these kinds of problems. She was all smiles until a member of the group mentioned possible serious corruption issues concerning documented BigPharma strategy statements to go all out against Oregon Public School Student's exemption from vaccinations.

Let's be honest. There are no reasons for forced vaccinations other than BigPharma attempting to privatize human immunity with a perpetually escalating schedule of FORCED vaccination. Oregon has one of the highest rates of voluntary vaccination in the nation and near zero communicable disease incidents. As an archetypal example that reflects all category of VOLUNTARY vaccination efficiency, prior to 1968 measles was a common non-dangerous childhood illness only threatening children 5 years and younger. I lived through this period and can testify to how it was considered as such, and had the measles for a couple of days. It was the non-dangerous norm. The case prior to 1968 were in the 200,000+ range yearly. The last 20 years less than 200/year under voluntary vaccination. (see attached chart) Measles vaccine shots cost \$20 - \$60 each and taxpayers are being forced to bear this burden forced on us by BigPharma and it's legendary money-lobbying power over US politicians.

From Weston A. Price Foundation:

"There are about 31,500 children who have a non-medical vaccine exemption in Oregon. Schools in Oregon could lose up to 400 million dollars in revenue. This bill could cause over 6,000 children with an IEP to lose services. This bill could segregate children due to their vaccine status from extra curricular and sports activities."

"How will you enforce whether unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children attend a school play or a sports event after hours if the bill is broadly interpreted? Would you have to hire people and equipment to check every child who attends? What about the parents, would you mandate that every single adult be vaccinated to attend the event? What if grandma visits from another state, is she blocked entry to the event?"

Do people have to share their medical history with school or hired staff? What about HIPAA? What kind of infrastructure will be necessary to create to enforce all this and at what cost?"

What we have encountered here in Oregon, as across the country, is politicians that are caught in the propaganda spell of misinformation regarding the dangers of these modern mass vaccinations propagated by the producer BigPharma and it's influence of the CDC and government institutions. Locking in profits for an infinite future of escalating vaccine and booster schedule is making a mockery of a rigorous science protecting the public. When citizens attempt to present contrary documented proof we are dismissed as if fools and sent on our way. No matter how well Speaker Kotek was at silencing the presentation of documented proof, it does not change scientific facts going unexamined by our politicians who have taken it upon themselves to autocratically decide these issues outside open public discourse. This is the archetypal problem with contemporary US government from City to County to State to national. Discussion is closed and the public is omitted from all decision making. This is not democracy.

Attached is a Weston A. Price Foundation brochure listing the long list of obvious downsides to vaccinations emphasizing the foolishness of abolishing free choice and analyzing existing scientific knowledge and producing studies that expand that knowledge for the purpose of making cogent decisions. It is time for you all to reject this legislation designed purely to profit BigParma while enforcing lifetime damage to roughly 5% of Oregon Families with school age children.

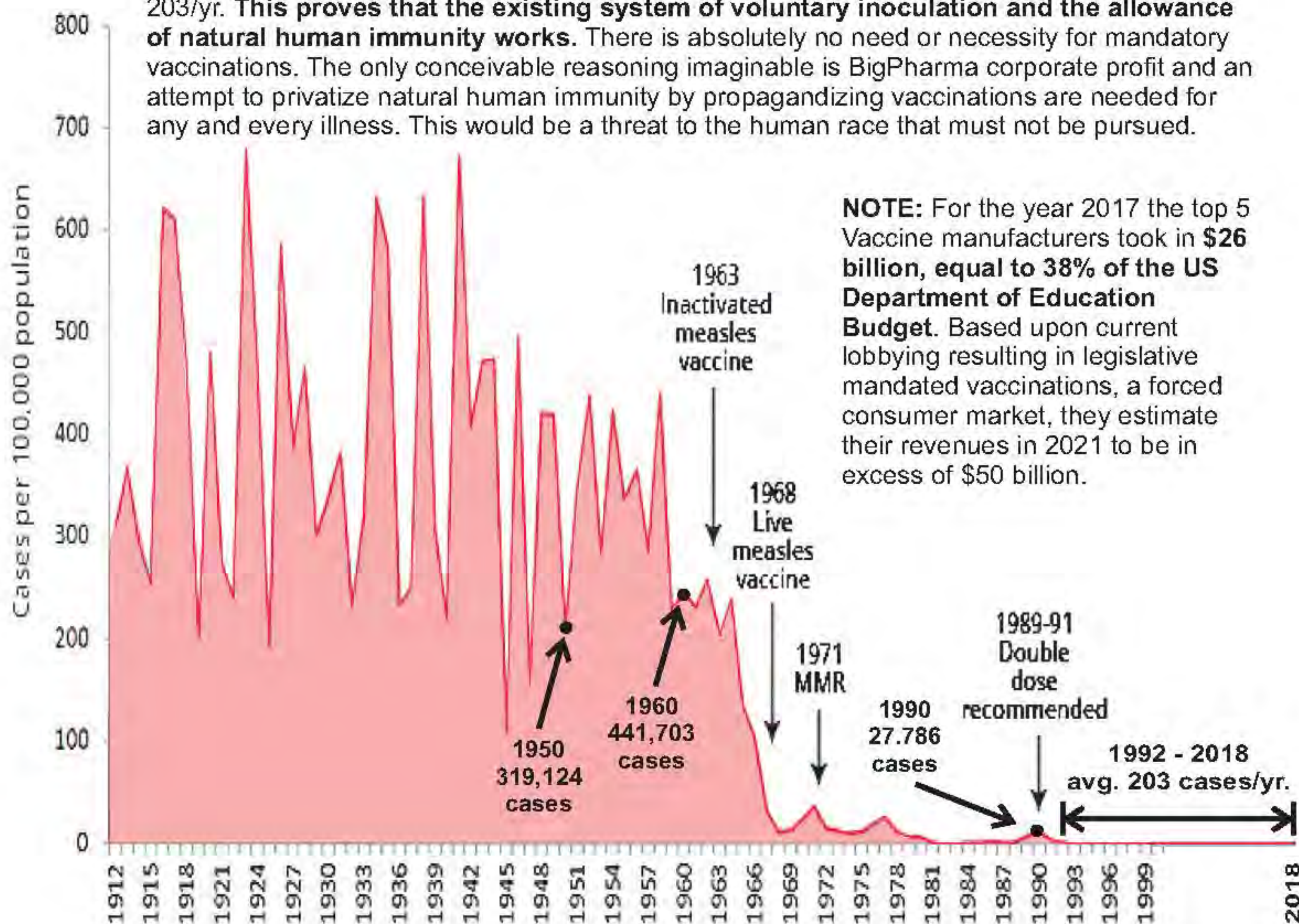
Is the purpose of government to provide for the social needs of humanity or to provide for the profit desires of corporate greed? Do the right thing. Do YOUR job and reject House Bill 3063.

Sincerely,

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Measles Cases in the United State (1912 - 2018)

Overview: Measles cases before the introduction of the 1968 live vaccine, averaged a maximum of 500,000/year. By 1993 measles cases were reduced to 312, a greater than 1000x reduction. For the 26 year period since 1993 to 2018 measles cases in the US averaged 203/yr. **This proves that the existing system of voluntary inoculation and the allowance of natural human immunity works.** There is absolutely no need or necessity for mandatory vaccinations. The only conceivable reasoning imaginable is BigPharma corporate profit and an attempt to privatize natural human immunity by propagandizing vaccinations are needed for any and every illness. This would be a threat to the human race that must not be pursued.



Data source: United States Census Bureau, No. HS-18. Specified Reportable Diseases and CDC data.
(<http://www.census.gov/statab/hist/HS-18.pdf>)

Compiled by @visualvaccines with additional data from the CDC and analysis by S. Sanders, 2019.

Important Facts

Number of studies linking vaccines to neurological and autoimmune issues common to autism: 130

Number of studies quoted by vaccine promoter Paul Offit showing no vaccine-autism link: 14

Rate of autism in the 1980s: 1 in 10,000

Rate of autism today: 1 in 59

Projected rate of autism in 2025: 1 in 2

Number of doses recommended by age six per the CDC vaccine schedule in 1972: 2

Number of doses recommended by age six per the current CDC vaccination schedule: 50

Amount of aluminum in the four doses at the two-month baby checkup: 1,225 mcg

Maximum allowable aluminum per day for intravenous parenteral feeding: 25 mcg

Amount of aluminum received by fully vaccinated eighteen-month old baby: 4,925 mcg

Number of studies proving safety of injecting aluminum into human infants: 0

Amount of mercury in liquid the EPA classifies as hazardous waste: 200 ppb

Amount of mercury in "trace" "thimerosal-free" vaccines: 2,000 ppb

Amount of mercury in some single-dose vaccines and some infant flu shots: 50,000 ppb

Amount of mercury in multi-dose flu vaccines, given to pregnant women: 50,000 ppb

Cost of caring for a child diagnosed with autism over his lifespan: \$3,000,000-\$5,000,000

Liability of vaccine manufacturers for vaccine injury: 0

Rate of asthma in unvaccinated children: 0.2-3 percent

Rate of asthma in vaccinated children: 6-15 percent

Rate of ADHD in unvaccinated children: 1-2 percent

Rate of ADHD in vaccinated children: 8-11 percent

Projected income to pharmaceutical industry from vaccines 2025: \$48 billion

Percent yearly increase in vaccine sales needed to reach projected income goal by 2025: 12.63 percent

References at www.westonaprice.org/wp-content/uploads/ImportantFacts.pdf.

A Diet for Natural Immunity

A good diet can help children develop strong natural immunity to infectious and chronic disease without the risk of vaccinations:

- Minimize sugar, additives and processed food.
- Raw whole milk is highly nourishing and contains many components that help build natural immunity.
- Vitamins A and D in cod liver oil provide powerful protection against disease.
- Cholesterol-rich foods like egg yolks, liver-wurst, butter and cream help build a strong nervous system and support good gut integrity.
- Fermented foods like sauerkraut provide protective bacteria in the digestive tract.
- Gelatin-rich bone broth contributes to good gut integrity and helps detoxify.
- Vitamin C from fresh fruits and vegetables (preferably organic) and from fermented foods like sauerkraut helps fight infectious illness.
- Red meat, seafood and kefir are good sources of zinc, which is an important nutrient for the immune system.

If You Must Vaccinate. . .

- Wait until the child is at least two years old.
- Do not give more than one vaccination at a time.
- Never vaccinate when the child is sick.
- Be sure that the vaccines are thimerosal-free.
- Supplement the child with extra cod liver oil, vitamin C and B₁₂ before and after each shot.
- Put your child to bed and keep him quiet for at least twenty-four hours after a shot.
- Do NOT give aspirin, tylenol or other NSAIDs either before or after a shot.
- Obtain a medical exemption if the child has had a bad reaction to a vaccination or has a family history of vaccine reactions, convulsions or neurological disorders, severe allergies and/or immune system disorders.

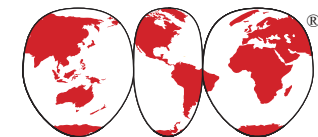
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Myths and Truths About Vaccination

MYTH: Vaccination is the main contributor to the twentieth century decline in infectious disease.

TRUTH: Infectious diseases (measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus) were in steep decline before the advent of vaccinations, thanks to better sanitation, cleaner water and improved living conditions. Scarlet fever also declined, even though there has never been a vaccination for it.

MYTH: Vaccinated individuals do not put others at risk.

TRUTH: Public health officials are aware of the fact that vaccinated individuals can spread the disease for which they have been vaccinated for several weeks after getting the vaccine. Adults have contracted polio from their recently vaccinated infants.

MYTH: Vaccinations give life-long immunity.

TRUTH: Immunity from vaccinations is temporary at best; health officials now recommend booster shots at regular intervals because the immunity from vaccinations wears off. Outbreaks of measles and whooping cough have occurred in fully vaccinated populations.

MYTH: It was vaccinations that stopped the deadly plague of polio.

TRUTH: Polio can be triggered by nervous system poisoning from teething powders containing mercury (now banned) and pesticides like lead arsenate and DDT. Polio declined in the U.S. when DDT was outlawed. A polio-like disease is becoming common in U.S., called acute flaccid myelitis, which is a type of transverse myelitis, a known side effect of vaccinations.

MYTH: Measles, mumps, whooping cough and chicken pox are life-threatening childhood diseases.

TRUTH: Death from these diseases in the U.S. is extremely rare, and basically non-existent in well nourished children. When contracted in childhood, these diseases are mild and give immunity for life; having these illnesses in childhood also protects against more serious disease like cancer later in life. Whooping cough (pertussis) has actually become more virulent since the introduction of the pertussis vaccine.

MYTH: Vaccinations are completely safe.

TRUTH: The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid out almost four billion dollars for vaccination injuries and death since 1989. These payments come from a tax on vaccines; the pharmaceutical companies that make the vaccines are free from all liability for damages caused by their products. It's common for drug and vaccine side effects to be under-reported.

MYTH: Vaccines have been well tested for safety and effectiveness.

TRUTH: There is controversy as to whether appropriate (inert) placebos are used in vaccine safety studies. There has been no safety testing at all for multiple vaccines given at one time. The flu vaccine is at best 40-60 percent effective; today measles is occurring primarily among those previously vaccinated.

MYTH: The anti-vaccination movement is something new and was started by a "fradulent" researcher named Andrew Wakefield, MD.

TRUTH: Dr. Wakefield's findings have been scientifically corroborated. Since the first vaccinations, which were for smallpox, citizens have mounted vigorous opposition after seeing adverse effects, including death, in their children from the vaccines. (The smallpox vaccination was eventually discontinued because of frequent life-threatening reactions.)

For references and further information, visit westonaprice.org/vaccinations.

Harmful Ingredients in Vaccines

ALUMINUM: Toxic to brain and kidneys. Children with autism have very high concentrations of aluminum in their brains.

AMINO ACIDS AND FOREIGN PROTEINS INCLUDING EGG ALBUMIN: Associated with autoimmune disorders including type I diabetes.

FORMALDEHYDE OR FORMALIN: Embalming fluid; classified as a human carcinogen; toxic to nerves, liver and kidneys.

BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE: Can cause seizures, coma, respiratory depression, central nervous system depression, convulsions and urinary system reaction.

GLUTARALDEHYDE: A disinfectant that can cause asthma, allergic reactions, respiratory problems and diarrhea.

PROTEINS FROM FETAL TISSUE: Taken from aborted babies; associated with an increased risk of autism.

THIMEROSAL: Contains 50 percent mercury, the second most poisonous element known to man. Even "thimerosal-free" vaccines contain traces of mercury.

MSG: MSG may cause migraine headaches, sleeping disorders, irritable bowel syndrome, asthma, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, Lou Gehrig's disease, attention deficit disorder, seizures, stroke and anaphylactic reaction.

CETYLTRI-METHYLAMMONIUM BROMIDE (CTAB): The Material Safety Data Sheet lists many serious health effects from CTAB.

2-PHENOXYETHANOL: Can cause headaches, shock, convulsions, weakness, kidney damage, cardiac failure, kidney failure and death.

POLYSORBATE 80: Facilitates mercury and aluminum crossing the blood-brain barrier. May cause blood clots, stroke, heart attack and death.

From: [Susan Flynn](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Mandatory vaccines
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:09:18 PM

I wonder if Oregon is leaving itself wide open to a huge lawsuit for illegally practicing medicine by forcing people to vaccinate. I've studied the subject for years, and time and time again see that the drug companies are suppressing evidence of the dangers and ineffectiveness of their products. I urge everyone of you to look deeper and uphold the people's right to make informed medical choices. You are crossing a very big line with this bill, please vote against it and uphold our freedoms.

More than sincerely,

Susan Flynn

From: [Elaine N Rybak](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [Sen Steiner Hayward](#); [Rep Greenlick](#)
Subject: Please support SB 445
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:28:52 PM

Invasive species pose a serious statewide threat to Oregon's ecology and economy. Invasions of non native plants, insects, mussels, birds and mammals continue to accelerate with global trade, relocation from infested areas inside and outside Oregon and the popularity of the Pacific Northwest as a desirable place to visit and live.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) has been working through a network of multi-disciplinary partners to keep Oregon's ecology, people and economy healthy. Passage of Senate Bill 445 will help the OISC continue to fulfill statutory responsibilities by enhancing opportunities for communication between state, federal and tribal agencies and the public, encouraging statewide participation in control of invasive species and enhancing our State's capacity to respond to invasive species emergencies. SB 445 revises membership, leadership and reporting requirements of the Oregon Invasive Species Council and would provide funding necessary to accomplish baseline state-mandated responsibilities. The OISC is requesting \$250k for the OISC trust account which supports coordination efforts, strategic plan implementation, education/outreach grant funds, and council operation and \$200k for the OISC control account which supports a rapid response to new invasive species through control and eradication.

Please support passage of SB 445.

Thank you for your service in our State Legislature and on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Elaine Rybak

Portland, Oregon

From: [Bryan Martz](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: STOP HB3063 - Mandatory Vaccines
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:05:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am citizen of a free country that prides itself on free market, freedom of religion, and daily freedom of choice, or at least I thought I was. How could the representatives we have put in place so easily and passively allow our medical FREEDOMS to be removed. You have been given a place of power and responsibility to protect our FREEDOMS and you are not doing that, you are allowing GREED to sway and guide your opinion. It is terrifying and saddening to watch this all play out and feel powerless.

It is preposterous that this bill (HB3063) has even made it to this point in our system. It is a direct removal of our children's rights to an education.

Please do the due diligence and realize that passing this bill is not only fiscally irresponsible but a deprivation of 14th amendment rights and depriving our children of the Ability to pursue life and liberty by blocking them from an education that is fundamental to success in our society with a mandate to get vaccinated. Furthermore, you are ostracizing a population of individuals by removing freedoms. This is deeply disturbing and our worlds history has shown us this never ends well.

Not to mention these vaccinations are UNTESTED and terrible. And you are choosing to follow a vaccination plan outlined by the CDC that is UNTESTED. Your removing the right for alternate vaccine schedules and medical/religious exemptions.

THE LIST OF REMOVED FREEDOMS GOES ON AND ON.

Just because your family has not been affected by vaccines does not mean that 1000 upon 1000s of families haven't. The 4+ billion in vaccine related injury payouts should be enough to understand that fact. At what point do you say enough is enough. We can't force this on people it's irresponsible!

If your reason for doing this is because you'll loose funding for your campaign etc. you are compromised and do not deserve to be a public servant. You are no longer serving the public, you're serving the dollar bill.

Please KILL THIS BILL. It does not deserve to be passed.

Couple things to consider:

Are you going to start fund a vaccine injury fund for Oregon? We will most surely need it, do you plan to find that with tax payer money? (Quite Irresponsible to mandate something on people and make them pay for the outcome of injury)

What will you do when 10's of thousands of kids have to drop out of school? How will they support and grow our Oregon economy without basic skills needed for success?

How will fund and support the increase in special needs cases as a direct result of vaccines?

Do you plan to put in place research, checks and balances etc. to improve the safety of the vaccines given to our children in our state? If so how will you find this?

How do you support the larger health crisis of people having access to health care if they are unvaccinated? Do you plan to have separate hospitals for them?

Please, Please, Please don't pass this Bill, please. I beg you please don't do this. It's the first step towards bad things. First this mandate, what's next....

Bryan

From: [Michelle Wallman](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:14:19 PM

I am writing concerning bill HB 3063. This bill discriminates against my family's religious beliefs, denies my children's right to an education, and our right to assemble.

We are active and big supporters of our local public school. My kids have not missed a single day of school due to illness or any other reason. I am a board member of our PTO, and have helped raise money for our school. Our school would be negatively impacted by this bill. Not only would my family be forced to leave the school but several others also (about a quarter of the school).

If this bill passes we will not participate in your online academy. I am urging every family that would be excluded from attending school to not participate also. We understand that our participation in the online schooling will positively impact the public school system, the system that will exclude us. It is imperative that when you financially consider the impact of this bill, by our complete withdrawal of the system. I personally, hate to do anything that would negatively impact our public school system. It is already struggling as it is. But unfortunately, the people who support HB 3063 do not care about my children and their safety. My children and others like my children are being discriminated against and their health and well being is not being considered.

Those of us who have chosen not to vaccinate have done so because we are educated and realize the risks involved. We refuse because our religious beliefs and practices forbid us too. We have for many decades respected the choices other families who made the choice to vaccinate. We do not shame or ridicule other families. We simply are asking for the same in return.

Do not underestimate our passion for our families, our faith, or for truth. We will fight this. We will educate others. You will feel the negative impact of this bill. We will not comply. We will not be bullied. We know and understand this bill is unconstitutional. We will make sure the public is well informed.

I, urge you to stop this bill, immediately. It is not good for our children, it is not for our communities, and it is not good for Oregon.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wallman
Jacksonville, Oregon

waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov:

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Co-Chair
Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

I have worked in research and education of aquatic science for more than 50 years, and have been active in studies and management tests for control of aquatic invasive species. I am now serving on the Oregon Invasive Species Council, but we have not sufficient funding to hold meetings and interact. The threats from terrestrial and aquatic invasive species increase with increasing transportation and commerce. The cost of prevention far outweighs the cost of control or eradication. Please find a way to fund the collaborative effort across natural resource agencies, and citizen groups and experts. It is embarrassing that Oregon has so little financial support for this program. Please authorize the funding necessary for SB 445 to support our OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Christine Moffitt

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From: [Karen Hayter](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Amendment 13
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:09:52 PM

Please consider voting no on amending 13.

It would cost many tax dollars to implement.

It is taking another one of our freedoms to choose the best option for our families.

I am 73 years old- had mumps, chicken pox, German measles and 3 day measles 3 times. I have no impairments from the virus'. I do not feel the medication in the serums is bad but the mercury used as a binder can be toxic for some children's brains.

Please don't take more of our freedom of choice.

I heard some young families say they will move out of Oregon if this passes. I'm 4th generation Oregonian.

Thank you,

Karen Hayter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Darla Moore](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Sisters
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:36:19 PM

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am asking you to oppose HB 3063. I have many concerns and questions as a mother to five adult children. Two of our first three children had severe adverse reactions to their 2nd dose of vaccines, including fevers over 105.5 and febrile seizures, and inflammation of the brain, often referred to as Encephalitis. We were advised to forego the Pertussis component and delay the schedule. They also had severe reactions to the MMR, so much so that I declined the boosters. Our two daughters who were born afterwards were immediately put on a delayed schedule, and the MMR given before entering kindergarten with no issues. One of our two sons who had the reaction was adopted as a newborn, one son is our biological child. The latter has three beautiful, young daughters almost 6, 2 and 6 months, our only grandchildren so far. They previously lived in CA until a year ago, returning to live in OR. Our granddaughters were given a "familial history of adverse reaction" exemption by a medical doctor in CA. As you may know, this exemption does not work here in OR. They turned to a "Religious Exemption", which will no longer be accepted with the passage of HB3063. You may also know that in order to obtain a medical exemption the individual (child) must personally experience Encephalitis and/or seizures before that is granted. Russian Roulette. Would you be willing to experiment with their brains? Before I move on I must state our son and DIL and I are NOT anti-vaccine. We, as thousands of others, need assurance we can tailor the vaccine schedule based on each child and yes on familial history. Please do not pass this bill which will leave medical choices in the hands of the CDC and the OHA, and not in the hands of educated parents and their doctor.

Let's talk financial impact on schools:

This bill will exclude children from public education in Oregon by requiring they comply with all vaccinations on the OHA schedule. My 3 grandchildren will be deprived of a free and appropriate public education if this bill passes. Approximately 31,000-36,000 children have non-medical exemptions in Oregon currently. The financial repercussions of this many children being turned away will have a devastating financial impact on our schools which are already underfunded. \$300-500M is an estimate lost each year.

Let's talk financial impact at home:

Parents will be forced to homeschool their children, giving up sports, music, and school-based social programs. Is this punishment for our children or parents or both for making their own medical decisions? Will one parent be forced to quit their job to stay home and educate their children? How much consumer buying power will disappear? This is a financial loss for all parties concerned, our communities and our state.

One last point to this financial impact subject:

If parents are between a rock and a hard place and must get caught up on ALL vaccines, knowing what they know about their child's or familial history, and a "severe reaction" takes place, who is liable? When churches exercise their Freedom of Religion, who will fund the outcome of the lawsuits? Remember, pharmaceutical companies are immune, exempt. Remember the statistics on VAERS payments so far, in the billions of dollars. What will this do to our state who already cannot fully fund some law enforcement agencies? I'm worried. And you should be as well.

We are in a stable health situation in Oregon and in the USA as a whole in terms of communicable diseases. Our state is at herd immunity levels, the current system is WORKING! Measles, for example, is not in the top 100 causes of childhood deaths in the USA Today. Some startling statistics however are the Autism rates. 1 in 35 for boys, 1 in 68 for girls. Can we please work on this? Suicide rates? Our state has some of highest statistics, why? The 8th leading cause of death. Isolating children and teenagers is not the answer. How many lives have been saved because a teacher or coach or counselor saw something, said something? Diabetes, cancer, asthma, autism, depression, homeless children and teens. These are issues we need to be handling.

There is NO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. Please understand this. These stats have been shared and shared, please read this:

100 cases of measles, with no deaths, in a country of 326,766,748 people is not an emergency

JOIN ME AND 1000s of families and VOTE NO ON HB 3063.

Darla Moore

- Mom to five, grandmother to three.
- Advocate for adult child who was on an IEP during his school years, advocate for child who was on a 504 plan during school years
- Graduate of Partners in Policymaking, Class of 2002
- Former Advocate to parents and children in SPED and for high-risk families.
- Former Substitute Instructional Aid for Brookings-Harbor School District/ Resource Room
- Former Personal Agent for Southern Oregon Regional Brokerage, case manager for adults with DD

Sisters, Deschutes County, Oregon resident since 1989.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristina Soff](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Canby, Or
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:54:10 PM

Hello,

My name is Kristina Soff and I oppose this bill HB 3063.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bryce Ellis](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Canby, Or
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:00:39 PM

Hello,

My name is Bryce Ellis and I oppose bill hb 3063.

From: [Aylee Allen](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose 3063 Gearhart, OR
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:17:38 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing you in hopes that you will oppose HB3063. I am not anti-vaccine, no one is. I want vaccines that are safe, effective and revamped to not contain DNA, neurotoxins and that are actually current to the strain of possible disease in circulation. I want vaccine companies held liable so that they want to improve on their product. What is the current incentive for them? They make even more money if they cause diseases. It's a for profit industry with no liability that is simply negligent at best. I want independent double blind placebo studies done. I want epigenetics considered. I don't want healthy infants to die or regress into autism.

I am a long time Oregon resident with 4 children. 3 in school and 1 in pre-school. I have a master's degree and have spent over 4,000 hours researching vaccines. This research has led me to the obvious conclusion that vaccines are not there to protect our children they are there to turn a profit. I will be moving out of state if this bill passes. We have a business, property taxes, consume in Oregon and have children in the public school system. This fiscal impact of our family leaving Oregon will be over 100k annually just in the stated items. I am sure other families will follow suit.

How will this be enforced? This would mean several positions in each school ensuring that people have flu shots, vaccines and letting people know they are unable to attend school if not up to date. This will be a hardship on local employers when their staff call in because they have to stay home with their children. Will children have to carry their vaccination records with them to church and school functions? This is a violation of protected health information that I would not allow to simply float around at social functions.

Medical freedom is our right not a privilege. With any risk or medical procedure there must be consent. You are taking that away from many families. Some families do not have the means to move and will simply not be able to educate their children. Will online schools be able to handle the influx of students? Has this even been thought through? If vaccines work so well why would people be so concerned if 2.6% of the students remain unvaccinated? It seems pretty obvious who stands to make money off of this and it is not the state of Oregon, it is the pharmaceutical companies.

Thank you for your time,

Aylee Rhea, MBA

From: [Margaret Sexty](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: 27-35% vaccine errors
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:46:46 PM
Attachments: [27362980.pdf](#)

27-35% of vaccines given have errors add that to the 2-10% immune to vaccines and you could have 45% of the population unvaccinated with a false sense of security. .wow

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----- Forwarded Message ----- From: Margaret Sexty maggi.54@hotmail.com To: Rep.TinaKotek@oregonlegislature.gov Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2019, 11:36PM -07:00
Subject: 27-35% vaccine errors

From pdf: "While it is not possible to determine the frequency of vaccine errors from the ISMP VERP or any other current vaccine error reporting program, given their dependence on spontaneous reporting, estimates from systematic review of vaccination records suggest that errors occur in about 27-35% of all vaccinations."
Add that to the 2-10% immune to vaccines...wow, could be 45% of population unvaccinated...

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July 28, 2016

<https://www.ismp.org/resources/ismp-national-vaccine-errors-reporting-program-one-three-vaccine-errors-associated-age?id=1144>

Advances in immunization technology and knowledge of diseases have spurred an ongoing stream of new vaccines and periodic changes to vaccination schedules to optimize disease protection. Today, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), immunizations prevent between 2 and 3 million deaths per year. Despite this success, many children and adults in the US remain vulnerable to the 24 vaccine-preventable diseases that are targeted by 45 different single and combination vaccines available today. Some people are vulnerable because they have not been offered vaccinations; others opt-out of recommended immunizations due to misunderstanding. However, errors with vaccines can also leave patients unknowingly unprotected against serious diseases such as hepatitis A and B, pertussis, diphtheria, cervical cancer, and many others.

Since September 2012, ISMP has been operating the ***ISMP National Vaccine Errors Reporting Program (ISMP VERP)*** to collect data about the types of vaccine errors and their underlying causes. **While it is not possible to determine the frequency of vaccine errors from the ISMP VERP or any other current vaccine error reporting program, given their dependence on spontaneous reporting, estimates from systematic review of vaccination records suggest that errors occur in about 27-35% of all vaccinations.¹⁻³** In this newsletter, we provide a summary of nearly 4 years of vaccine errors reported to the ISMP VERP through June 30, 2016.

Volume and types of error reports

Between September 2012 and June 2016, a total of 1,754 reports have been submitted to the ISMP VERP. Most of these vaccine errors came from practitioners who work in outpatient settings, where most children and adults receive vaccines. Given its voluminous use, influenza virus vaccines were most frequently involved in the reported errors, accounting for 20% of all reports. However, errors involving other vaccines were more common in specific settings based on the typical patient populations served. For example, errors with hepatitis A vaccine were most commonly reported by staff in public health immunization clinics. Errors with

zoster and pneumococcal vaccines were frequently reported by staff at community pharmacies. Errors with the anthrax, typhoid, and yellow fever vaccines were most commonly reported by staff at military locations.

Vaccine	% of All Reports
Influenza Virus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Trivalent, Types A and B ■ Quadrivalent, Types A and B ■ Live, Intranasal (Quadrivalent, Types A and B) ■ Live, Intranasal (Trivalent, Types A and B) 	20
DTaP-IPV <i>Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids, Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, and Inactivated Poliovirus</i>	12
HepA <i>Hepatitis A, Inactivated</i>	10
Tdap <i>Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid, and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed</i>	9
DTaP <i>Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed</i>	8
HepB <i>Hepatitis B (Recombinant)</i>	7
MMRV <i>Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella Virus Live</i>	7
DTaP-IPV/Hib <i>Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids, Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Inactivated Poliovirus, and Haemophilus Influenzae b Conjugate</i>	5

Table 1. Vaccines most frequently cited in

reports

The most frequent types of reported vaccine errors included:

- Wrong vaccine (23% of all reports)
- Wrong age for vaccination (20%)
- Wrong vaccine dose (12%)
- Extra vaccine dose (9%)
- Wrong vaccine interval (7%)

The vaccines most often involved in the errors reported to the ISMP VERP can be found in **Table 1**. The Table also lists the full generic names of the vaccines abbreviated in this report according to the system used by the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP).

Age-related contributing factors in aggregate vaccine reports

Among all vaccine errors submitted to the ISMP VERP, age-related contributing factors were reported most often and were linked to more than 1 in every 3 error reports (38%) (**Table 2**). Thirteen percent of all reported vaccine errors were due to confusion that arose between numerous age-dependent vaccines that target the same diseases, particularly with influenza virus vaccines, hepatitis A and B vaccines, and various combination vaccines that target diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. Another 13% of the errors involved lack of familiarity with the recommended ages for various vaccines or a failure to take a step as simple as verifying the patient's age prior to administration. The measles, mumps, rubella, varicella vaccines joined those previously mentioned as one of the most frequently involved in these types of errors. Similar vaccine abbreviations and labeling or packaging, and dense storage conditions, played a role in the remaining 12% of age-related vaccine errors. Along with previously mentioned vaccines, the *Haemophilus influenzae* type b-containing vaccines were also involved in errors due to labeling or nomenclature problems. We focus this year's analysis upon these vaccines which were most frequently associated with age-related contributing factors.

Contributing Factor	% of All Reports	Vaccines Most Often Involved
Age-dependent formulations of same vaccine	13	Influenza
		DTaP, Tdap, DTaP-HepB-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib, DTaP-IPV
		HepA
		HepB
Not familiar with indicated patient ages for vaccines	8	DTaP, Tdap, DTaP-IPV/Hib, DTaP-HepB-IPV, DTaP-IPV
		Influenza
		MMRV
Patient age not verified before administration	5	Influenza
		DTaP, Tdap, DTaP-IPV
		HepA
		MMRV
Similar vaccine abbreviations	5	Tdap, DTaP, DTaP-IPV
		MMR and MMRV
		HepB, Hib, HepB-Hib
Products stored near one another	4	Varicella virus vaccine and MMRV
		Tdap and DTaP
		DTaP-IPV and DTaP-IPV/Hib
Similar vaccine container labels/packaging	3	MMRV and MMR
		HepA and HepB
		Tdap, DTaP, DTaP-IPV, DTaP-HepB-IPV

Table 2. Leading Age-Related

Contributing Factors and Vaccines

Age-related influenza virus vaccine errors

Influenza virus vaccine is available in many formulations that differ based on the patient's age. The vaccine does not have distinct adult and pediatric formulations. Some formulations are indicated for both children and adults within certain age ranges. Given this and the high frequency of administration in all age groups, it is not surprising that influenza virus vaccine was the most common type of vaccine implicated in age-related errors among vaccines with age-dependent

formulations. Many errors involved knowledge deficits regarding the recommended age ranges for each type of influenza virus vaccine and included giving an adult dose/volume of the vaccine to a child or vice versa, administering the high-dose formulation to an adult younger than 65 years, and administering the live nasal formulation to a child younger than 2 years or an adult older than 49 years. Manufacturer labeling and packaging issues that make it difficult to distinguish various age-dependent formulations and US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requirements to list the generic name before the brand name were also causative factors with many of these errors (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1. A 38-year-old patient received Sanofi Pasteur's Fluzone High-Dose after the practitioner failed to notice "High-Dose" after "Fluzone," which was partly obscured by the gray plunger visible in the background.

Age-related hepatitis A (HepA) vaccine (HAVRIX, VAQTA) and hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine (ENGERIX-B, RECOMBIVAX HB) errors

Two brands of the hepatitis A vaccine—Havrix (GlaxoSmithKline) and Vaxta (Merck & Co.)—are both available in pediatric/adolescent and adult formulations in 0.5 mL (pediatric/adolescent) and 1 mL (adult) single dose containers. Errors have occurred in which the pediatric/adolescent formulation (0.5 mL) was administered to an adult, and vice versa. These errors were often due to vaccine labeling similarities. While the adult and pediatric/adolescent Vaxta syringes have different color plungers and the vials have different color caps, the text and the primary color on the cartons is similar, and the text on the syringes and vials is small. Color differentiation is also used for the adult and pediatric/adolescent forms of Havrix. However, the syringes must be turned away from the drug name to further view whether it contains an adult or pediatric/adolescent dose. The age notation on vial labels is at the very bottom and is easy to miss.

Similar labeling issues have led to errors with the hepatitis B vaccine. The two vaccines—Engerix-B (GlaxoSmithKline) and Recombivax HB (Merck & Co.)—are available in pediatric/adolescent and adult dose vials and syringes in a consistent concentration but in different volumes. Label differentiation using color has not prevented errors, as the label notations about the different age-based formulations are not prominent. Engerix-B syringe labels must be turned away from the drug name to view the age-specific indication (**Figure 2**). With Recombivax HB vials, differentiation between the adult and pediatric/adolescent formulations is not prominent (**Figure 3**) and has led to errors. In fact, one of the most frequently reported events with hepatitis B vaccines involved dosing errors in which a child received an adult's dose or an adult received a child's dose.



Figure 2. The Engerix-B syringe must be turned away from the drug name to view "For Pediatric/Adolescent Use Only."



Figure 3. While cap colors are different, notations about adult (left) and pediatric (right) formulations of Recombivax HB are easy to miss. An additional source of error involves differences in the recommended dosing units of each brand product. For hepatitis A vaccine, the dose is 720 units (0.5 mL) for pediatric/ adolescents and 1,440 units (1 mL) for adults when using Havrix. When using Vaqta, the dose is 25 units (0.5 mL) for pediatric/adolescents and 50 units (1 mL) for adults. Similarly, the recommended doses of the two brands of hepatitis B vaccine are different. Engerix-B dosing is 10 mcg (0.5 mL) for pediatric/adolescents and 20 mcg (1 mL) for adults. Recombivax HB dosing is 5 mcg (0.5 mL) for pediatric/adolescents and 10 mcg (1 mL) for adults. Dosing errors have occurred in which patients received the wrong age-specific volume. In some cases, adults have received half the intended dose

when Engerix-B was dosed according to Recombivax HB dosing. One reason the latter errors occurred is that healthcare providers changed from one brand of hepatitis B vaccine to the other without updating the doses or volumes listed in electronic or paper order sets.

Age-related DTaP (DAPTACEL, INFANRIX), Tdap (ADACEL, BOOSTRIX), DTaP-IPV (KINRIX, QUADRACEL), DTaP-HepB-IPV (PEDIARIX), or DTaP-IPV/Hib (PENTACEL) errors

The dominant issues reported with these vaccines are the same issues that have long been reported to ISMP and FDA—confusion between the different age-dependent formulations and combination products. This group of vaccines is particularly vulnerable to errors due to:

- The large number of different vaccines and various combinations of vaccines in this category, many with different targeted ages
- Differences between the recommended ages for the individual components of combination vaccines and the combination vaccine itself
- Similar or confusing manufacturer labeling and/or packaging
- Similarities in standard vaccine abbreviations, the inability to recall the correct abbreviations, and misinterpretation of abbreviations
- The large number of words related to product names to be squeezed into the small space available on single-dose vials or syringes, necessitating a small font size
- Similar generic and brand names

For example, 60 errors have been reported in which DTaP (diphtheria and tetanus toxoids, acellular pertussis) was administered instead of Tdap (tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, acellular pertussis), or vice versa. Similar vaccine abbreviations and confusion among brand names (Adacel, Boostrix [Tdap]; Daptacel, Infanrix [DTaP]) appear to be contributing factors in these errors, along with not understanding the differences between the two vaccines and the recommended age ranges for administration.

Second only to errors with the influenza virus vaccine, errors with Kinrix (DTaP-IPV) were the most frequent among all vaccine errors. With many of the errors, Kinrix (indicated for children 4 to 6 years old) was given to children younger than 4 years old, when separate components should have been administered to these younger patients. Another common error occurred when Kinrix had been administered instead of

the intended vaccine Pediarix (DTaP-HepB-IPV), indicated for children 6 weeks to less than 7 years, or Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib), indicated for children 6 weeks to less than 5 years. Several reports suggest that packaging similarities have led to the mix-ups between Kinrix and Pediarix. More than 50 of the errors with Kinrix also listed staff unfamiliarity with the age-related indications as a contributing factor. Complex vaccination schedules have also contributed to mistakes with the timing of these vaccines, particularly when children are following an alternate or delayed schedule of immunizations.

Most of the age-related errors involving ProQuad were related to administration to children older than 12 years. All but one of the patients were teenagers, and almost half of the errors involved teens who were 13 and 14 years old. Although not mentioned specifically in all these reports, at least some of the errors were associated with teens who were following a catch-up immunization schedule. Once they exceeded the age of 12, the trivalent measles, mumps, rubella vaccine and a separate varicella vaccine should have been administered individually, as the quadrivalent vaccine ProQuad is recommended only for children 12 months to 12 years. Several reporters noted that their electronic health record failed to alert staff that the vaccines were not indicated based on the patient's age.

Age-related errors with Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) components of vaccines

While some errors with Hib or combination vaccines that included the Hib component were related to administration to a patient outside the recommended ages, most were caused by unfamiliarity with the components of combination vaccines or misunderstanding or misreading the HepB component as the Hib component. The latter events led to administration of the Hib vaccine to patients who were not within the recommended age range. For example, numerous reports involved administration of Kinrix (DTaP-IPV) by staff who mistakenly thought it contained Hib, and administration of Pediarix (DTaP-HepB-IPV) instead of Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib), believing the HepB component of Pediarix was Hib.

Safe Practice Recommendations

FDA and vaccine manufacturers, and health professionals who prescribe, dispense, and administer vaccines, are urged to make

changes that will reduce the risk of age-related vaccine errors. First, FDA and manufacturers should strongly consider seeking a federal regulatory change that allows the vaccine brand name to be listed first on vaccine labels, before the full generic names, which are often long and confusing. Next, vaccine manufacturers must continue to improve labeling and packaging to differentiate age-dependent formulations of the same vaccine. There are also many practice changes health professionals can make to prevent age-related vaccine errors:

Make safe purchasing decisions

- While not always possible, investigate purchasing different age-specific formulations of the same vaccine from different manufacturers to help distinguish them.
- If possible, stock only one manufacturer's adult and pediatric/adolescent formulations of the hepatitis A and the hepatitis B vaccines (both adult and pediatric/adolescent formulations from the same manufacturer have the same strength). If both brands must be available in stock, separate their storage, label the storage bins, and, when available, issue electronic reminders to staff to verify the dose.
- Whenever brands change, conduct specific training for all staff and ensure electronic and paper order sets are revised.

Affix warnings

- Affix auxiliary warning labels to vaccines when first received in the clinic, medical office, or pharmacy to draw attention to products with different formulations for neonatal, pediatric, adolescent, and/or adult patients.
- Affix auxiliary labels to select vaccines with problematic similar names to draw attention to key information that would help promote selection of the correct product.

Improve access to information

- Maintain up-to-date easy-to-read electronic immunization schedules for infants, children, teens, and adults, and post them in clinical areas where vaccinations may be administered. Include the brand and generic names of all vaccines, the approved abbreviations, and the range of ages appropriate for administration. (We could not find a list of all brand and generic vaccines and their age-specific recommendations, but adding this information to the current list of vaccines and [acronyms provided by the ACIP](#) would be very useful.)

- On order sets, medication administration records (MARs), and vaccination records, list the brand names and all components of combination vaccines. When space permits, list full generic names of all components. If abbreviations must be used, employ only the ACIP approved abbreviations (see link above). Make necessary revisions if brands change.

Store vaccines safely

- Store vaccines in refrigeration and freezer units large enough for organized and labeled stock.
- Separate pediatric and adult formulations of vaccines in storage areas.
- Label the specific locations where vaccines are stored to facilitate correct, age-specific selection (**Figure 4**).
- Do not store vaccines with similar labels, names, abbreviations, or overlapping components (e.g., DTaP, Tdap) immediately next to each other.

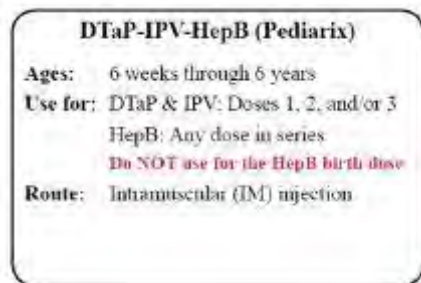


Figure 4. Example of label for storage locations of vaccines.

Educate patients and caregivers

- Provide all patients, parents, or legal guardians with a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) in their preferred language prior to vaccination. If a combination vaccine contains the components DTaP, HepB, Hib, or IPV, provide the Pediatric Multiple Vaccine VIS. VISs are available on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Immunization Action Coalition](#) websites and have been translated into more than 40 languages. The VISs can be printed, viewed, and displayed on smart phones, tablets, or other mobile devices and imported into an electronic file. Time to read the VIS and ask questions before vaccination should be provided.

Verify the patient's age

- Prior to prescribing, dispensing, or administering a vaccine, verify the patient's age by asking the patient or caregiver for a birth date and referencing the patient's health record, immunization record, and/or MAR. Also check immunization registries before ordering and administering

vaccines to verify the patient's current vaccination status and indicated ages for administration.

- Prior to vaccine administration, compare the patient's current age with information on an applicable immunization schedule and VIS.
- Ask patients or parents to help verify the vaccine prior to administration by reading the VIS and checking that the patient is within the specific ages for the vaccine.
- Employ point-of-care barcode scanning to verify that the correct vaccine and age-specific formulation has been selected and prepared for administration to a patient.
- Build alerts in order entry systems to warn health professionals if a specific vaccine is prescribed and selected for a patient who is older or younger than the recommended ages for vaccine administration.

Educate staff

- Discuss vaccine errors that can occur and how to prevent them with health professionals who prescribe, dispense, and administer vaccines.

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From: [Margaret Sexty](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 questions/data
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:48:06 PM

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Subject: HB 3063 questions/data

Considering the funding of this bill, are you aware of the amount of money already paid out through VAERS and the VICP for vaccine injuries because vaccine manufacturers are not liable for their flawed products \$4 billion since 1986 and rising. Are you aware of the number of vaccine errors there are? Are you willing to create more children with special needs because of vaccine injuries and errors? Are you willing to fund more Medicaid cases? Are you willing to fund the training and hiring of more occupational therapists, physical therapists, physicians, nurses, special education teachers, adaptive equipment, home health workers, etc. for the children injured by mandated vaccination that is not proven safe or effective? Are you willing to deal with what happens when there is primary or secondary vaccine failure in vaccinated people who have a false sense of security? Have you personally researched any of the REAL FACTS about the vaccines you are trying to mandate or just listened to what you've been told? Have you read manufacturers inserts to see what they say? Or the cdc vaccines ingredients list? If interested in doing what is moral, here are some legitimate FACT sites to get your REAL information from:

Compensation and injury reporting

<https://www.hrsa.gov/vaccine-compensation/index.html>

<https://vaers.hhs.gov>

vaccine errors

<https://www.ismp.org/resources/ismp-national-vaccine-errors-reporting-program-2017-analysis-part-i-vaccine-errors>

<https://www.chop.edu/news/technically-speaking-vaccine-administration-errors>

Approximately 6,540,000-32,700,000 healthy individuals will never be fully vaccinated in the United States per the National Institute of Health study linked below. Who's tracking them? These people are just as capable as a child of getting the diseases so it is a lost cause to think vaccinating everyone will eradicate disease. These people don't even know who they are, so there are a LOT of people out there with a false sense of security. These people's genetics make them immune to the vaccine but not necessarily the disease. Since this information is known in the scientific community, it really makes me wonder why the push for vaccinating school children is so high. Especially since a large number of physicians are not vaccinated.

"About 2–10% of healthy individuals fail to mount antibody levels to routine vaccines"
quoted from link below:

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4962729/#_ffn_sectitle

Pertussis the disease has mutated, supposedly, and the vaccine didn't work that great anyways. This study shows the vaccine makes a person more susceptible to the disease from my interpretation of the last paragraph.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/30793754/>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/allthemoms/2019/03/14/whooping-cough-vaccine-less-effective-cdc-warns-as-outbreaks-hit-schools/3161859002/>

Tetanus is not contagious...just saying
so why is it required?

mumps vaccine doesn't work for military...just saying

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/03/15/navy-ship-changes-schedule-after-outbreak-mumps-disease-aboard.html>

measles

manufacturer package insert

<https://www.merckvaccines.com/products/mmr>

human fetal cells:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26103708>

from link above:

"CONCLUSION:

Vaccines manufactured in human fetal cell lines contain unacceptably high levels of fetal DNA fragment contaminants. The human genome naturally contains regions that are susceptible to double strand break formation and DNA insertional mutagenesis. The "Wakefield Scare" created a natural experiment that may demonstrate a causal relationship between fetal cell-line manufactured vaccines and ASD prevalence."

Ingredients, check out reference materials pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/additives.htm>

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more vaccine error:

https://m.theepochtimes.com/more-than-20000-children-injected-with-expired-vaccines-in-chinese-county-protesting-parents-say_2766608.html?fbclid=IwAR0-RPWfEDYxBkkqFIBMvgsNWWyUILEevLlxhz43yziZV5xzlsIEL3kAbhM

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Dear Senators on the Ways and Means Committee,

I oppose HB 3063 for it attacks my freedom and my family's freedom to be healthy members of our society.

This may strike you as untrue or strange, but can you allow for a moment of democratic dialogue?

Consider for a moment that nature diversifies through overcoming challenges.

Consider what life in nature would be like without a challenge or an adversity to overcome, for it is challenge that creates diversity and diversity that solves the challenges. In nature, where the challenges are eliminated, such as in mono-culture, chemical farming, the ecology is destroyed; in the human being, this is the recipe for chronic disease and the weakening of human will. Vaccines weaken humanity.

In nature, mono-cultural disasters are already well known, yet still this is the dominant farming method because biological and ecological science have yet to inform the science (or rather the business) of farming. In human society, mono-culture and the illusion of "herd immunity" create not only more fear of the other, but also set up a group of people to be devastated by pathogenic influences that are unexpected and new – because nature diversifies through overcoming difficulties.

Vaccines are a great travesty of our times because they prevent individuals from becoming fully developed human beings capable of exercising all aspects of their immune system.

Vaccines have not solved the world's problems – eradicating poverty and cleaning food, air and water does that. There is sufficient science that demonstrates this is actually the case (i.e. that it is a myth that vaccines have eradicated diseases; it is proven that it is the conditions that determine health)– have you explored the ample research on this (which is of course hard to find)?

When we get sick, all of our symptoms are produced by our own immune processes. These immune processes heal, cleanse, eliminate, and renew

our tissues and fluids. When this doesn't happen, the conditions for chronic disease are created.

Do you really think that every human being needs a vaccination when born – are there really no natural, healthy human beings born?

Nature and human beings evolve through overcoming (not avoiding) illness. Vaccines are an affront to human evolution – they are one of the most dangerous experiments of our time.

HB 3063 is an example of forced cultural assimilation for it stands on the ground that certain parents and communities are ignorant, and need to be forced to comply with a more culturally developed, well-educated people. Most of the statements against anyone who would oppose this mandated medical intervention are scornful and derisive, as though these “uneducated, ignorant savages don’t know any better” and need to be assimilated into the dominant culture so that they no longer pose a threat.

My wife and I are very well educated and have raised three un-vaccinated, and very healthy children. My children are healthier than most because they have been allowed to get sick. They surprise other people because most people have never met healthy, un-vaccinated children. Have you studied healthy, un-vaccinated children?

How can you stand on any ground of having done due diligence scientifically if you have not!?

My children have never had recurrent ear infections, recurrent strep throats, recurrent colds and flus; they have no allergies or asthma; they have no anxiety, no depression, and no aggressive tendencies; they can pay attention exceptionally well – no signs of ADD/ADHD, and have no signs of autism. They have 4.0’s, play on multiple sports teams, play multiple instruments, speak multiple languages, and are very positive, active, enthusiastic; they engage in socially healthy ways with others, etc. We attribute it to having and overcoming pertussis, german measles, the flu, high fevers and the occasional cold, in addition to avoiding suppressive medicine at all costs. We have never given them Tylenol or antibiotics, or any conventional medicine (actually, we did give our oldest daughter Tylenol once in the hospital when she had febrile seizures, but all of the negative statements the doctors said about her future were not true at all,

that she would have a lifetime of illness and seizures, etc., when we refused anti-seizure medicine, and vaccines). They are not sick very often, but when they are, it is a strong response, and does not last very long. There is no lingering cough or malaise, and there is always something new and different about them (or an increase in their height) after a good fever.

There have been no studies of this type of phenomena because the science around vaccinations is unscientific and based on religious dogma.

Yet you want to force my children to assimilate into your cultural paradigm?

Consider the horrific past of Native American cultural assimilation. For example, in 1886, a United States Indian Agent of California stated:

"The parents of these Indian children are ignorant, and know nothing of the value of education, and there are no elevating circumstances in the home circle to arouse the ambition of the children."

This is also what is being said of anyone who opposes vaccination, or even questions it. There is no room for cultural dialogue and acceptance of differences because of the fear that is driving this vaccination movement.

As representatives and stewards of democracy, have you considered this issue outside of your own bias?

HB 3063 seeks to strip me and my family of our democratic rights, our personal freedom, our religious freedom, our freedom of cultural lifestyle, and our freedom of self-determination, because you believe your safety and wellbeing are at risk by our freedom.

Yet, I am convinced through decades of research, observation and experience that it is the other way around: your legislation will make my children (and others) much less healthy and at risk for having a weakened immune system, and tending to promote chronic disease.

The leading causes of disease are chronic in nature, not acute. What is the real crisis here? Over the course of a century of the conventional medical paradigm that asserts itself as the only valid one, chronic disease has worsened and worsened. I work at a cancer treatment center

and ask every patient, some of whom will not survive, when was the last time you had a fever. The answer is always: "I can't remember", or "I never get fevers". Have you considered why this may be?

The aggressive, conventional medical point of view behind this mandate is using science as a religious weapon – saying that the "truth" is that everyone needs to comply. There is still a legal, cultural, and democratic debate about this issue, for the science behind it is most certainly still in question and I am convinced as a citizen and educated person that it is flawed.

Yet, it is forced cultural assimilation if mandated, for it involves individual personal, family, and cultural health and freedom of choice. You want to inject substances into every child's body multiple times!? This is akin to forced sterilization, making it a crime to be a "born as you are", un-vaccinated human being.

This legislation is a "fear of the other", a fear of "dirty immigrants and uneducated people", in the form of fear of pathogens. It is an unfounded fear, and an unconscious move towards unnecessary, undemocratic, social control.

The leading causes of death to school-aged children (according to the CDC) are by far violence: violent accidents; suicide; homicide. Children of today are suffering from anxiety, depression and bullying – that is what the real and most current research says. That is the real emergency. These are illnesses created by social conditions.

An illness is only a symptom of the conditions that make it possible, and in overcoming the illness, the conditions are healed – or at least this becomes more and more possible. Taking away the symptoms of an illness is to ignore and suppress the signs for the conditions that are only worsening, for only when the conditions change will the illness no longer be needed.

Have you ever looked at health from this, salutogenic perspective, or do you only see from a pathogenic perspective? This salutogenic perspective is in perfect alignment with current ecological, psychological, and sociological science – why has the medical paradigm lagged behind in the dark ages for so long?

True healing is to heal the conditions that set the stage for the illness in the first place. Right now, the conditions being established are setting the stage for what is to come, and each of us is responsible for these conditions, in our own health, in the health of our communities, and in the health of the Earth. Our ecological health is determined by our efforts to diversify in collaboration, and to transform what is toxic into what is life generating. Be a force for change and healing! Support the freedom of others to overcome the challenges of illness so that we can actually solve real problems, instead of creating conditions for more and more devastation.

Equality, human rights, sufficient income, protection against violence, clean air, clean water – these are the causes you have been elected to solve. Let's do something about the real problems!

HB 3063 is a violent, aggressive bill against human freedom of choice and human health.

Why push through medical (corporate) fascism in the name of science, when the real issues affecting Oregonians are so much more important?

Let us come together and decide for ourselves as a community in freedom how to solve social and health concerns, and not enforce a narrow-minded, profit-focused, fear-based, antiquated medical paradigm that takes away human rights.

This Oregon bill, HB 3063, is being rushed through without sufficient citizen input and human rights considerations at the exact time when Merck is in the midst of a very serious and losing federal court battle about the trustworthiness and safety of their so-called scientific methods and products (see, for example, *Jennifer Robi vs. Merck and Kaiser Permanente*).

Our freedom of choice is now in your hands! Families have a right to think for themselves, and put into their bodies what they choose. Call it religious freedom, medical freedom of choice, or personal freedom of thinking – it is a human right and it is not infringing upon your safety or the safety of others. There is no (unbiased) science that legitimately proves otherwise. Uphold the democracy upon which our nation and state is based. HB 3063 takes away personal freedom. Please do not force cultural assimilation upon my family – let my family contribute to society and share

how we have raised healthy, happy children by avoiding vaccinations, antibiotics, and other suppressive medicines. Please don't force this toxic medicine upon us.

I ask you to support our constitutional freedoms. Please do not let this bill move forward any further.

Sincerely,
Michael Givens
Happy Valley, Oregon

From: [Mindy Bowmer](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony opposing HB 3063, Myrtle Creek
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:32:46 AM

Good morning,

I am a disabled Navy Veteran & Mom of 2 amazing & healthy unvaccinated children that strongly opposes HB 3063 & I'm asking you to please do what's right here & do not let this bill pass.

To force vaccines on anyone is a rights violation, no child or adult should have to submit to any medical procedure to get an education. Can you imagine what will happen if 31,000 kids left school & daycare? That would leave 800-1000+ teachers without a job, that equals lots of unemployment pay, food stamps & WIC. Or what about the parents of those kids, some would have to quit their job to stay home with them which can easily equal more unemployment pay, Food Stamps & WIC. I know tax payers won't appreciate that extra load.

There has only been 4 cases of measles in Oregon I think we can all agree there's no 'emergency' here.

I am a disabled Navy Veteran who is likely vaccine injured. I served in 1999-2001 on the USS Harry S Truman (CVN-75) I was deployed to the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations & have what the VA calls undiagnosed illness, more commonly referred to as Gulf War Syndrome. I used to think it was just the Anthrax vaccine that cause my chronic pain, & asked my VA Dr about it she said she treats vaccine injured veterans & told me to request my vaccine records which the military can't seem to find. More likely doesn't want me to have them. So I will never know for sure if I was one of the Sailors that particular vaccine was tested on, but what I do know is everyone that went to that area in the gulf got a pretty intense vaccine cocktail & now so many of us are suffering because of it. I personally have chronic Nerve pain, joint pain, & muscle pain. On bad days I can be in so much pain from my waist all the way down to my toes. On good days I can do a balancing act of knowing my restrictions & making sure I don't do anything that might aggravate my symptoms, & Stress management, although some days I do everything right & it just doesn't matter I end up in so much pain anyways. I am sensitive to temperature change & the cold is especially hard on my bones. Now I am 38 years old but this all started when I was only 19 after receiving my military vaccines. I also have trouble with my digestion & iron absorption. Both I manage with eating Whole Foods & stress management but some days it just doesn't make a difference. That's just a glimpse of how it affects my daily life.

Something else about my military experience I think is important to consider is how many illnesses including mine are not being reported as vaccine injury by the military & VA. This changes the adverse affects reports dramatically & makes those numbers meaningless.

I do not wish this pain on anybody especially my children! & I understand that as much pain as I have to deal with I consider myself lucky, considering what other vaccine injured people are going through.

We will not take that chance with our precious children, I suggest to you instead of voting in a bill that violates basic human rights to please push the vaccine makers to make truly safe vaccines. Change the laws on them so they can be held accountable for defects & injury. I look right on the CDC & FDA websites & see the vaccine insert information & clearly know those side effects & adverse reactions are unacceptable. The vaccine makers consider their own product "unavoidably unsafe" so please don't force these vaccines on anybody when the makers are clearly saying they are not safe. It just isn't right. I am a veteran & Momma for freedom & believe everyone should at the very least have the right to choose what goes into their body & parents are definitely the only people that should be in charge of making those decisions for their children not the government. Thank you for your time & I hope you have a beautiful day.

Mindy Bowmer

~ It's never too late to live happily ever after ~

From: [Kristi Murphy](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: RE: HB3063 (Resent)
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:28:02 AM

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

In 1853, my great-great-great grandparents traveled from Illinois to Cottage Grove in the hopes of a brighter future for themselves and their families. My great-great-great grandfather lost his mother and brother in the Clark Massacre in Idaho during the 1851 Train on which his brother, Thomas Clark, was Captain. Despite the danger and, most certainly, fear of the unknown on the Trail, they traveled with their numerous children, including my great-great grandmother, who was only 1 year old.

It is because of them that I have the courage and the obligation to write to you today.

I implore you to support a parent's right to make decisions about his or her child's healthcare.

In charting for my acupuncture practice, one way of tracking informed consent is to use the acronym "PARQ", which stands for procedures (P), viable alternatives (A), material risks (R) and patient questions (Q). When administering any medical intervention, including VACCINES, a system such as PARQ MUST be utilized. In the proposed mandate, there is no VIABLE ALTERNATIVE, the MATERIAL RISKS are not discussed and it will not matter if the patient has QUESTIONS, as there won't be an alternative to reception of all but the mandated schedule.

This is NOT the American way. This is not why my family came to the colonies and this is not why my family traveled the Oregon Trail.

Twenty years ago, my life stopped dead in its tracks. I started experiencing nausea and rapidly losing weight. I started having panic attacks and severe anxiety. I felt weak and had malaise. I had to move back home with my parents. My life became about a restricted diet, limiting activities to conserve energy and doctors' appointments. The only thing that was different just prior to my life taking this turn was that I had received the Hep B vaccination.

Prior to that, I had no need to doubt in the safety of vaccines. I had received them as a child and was healthy with no acute side effects, of which I was aware.

And so, I began to educate myself about vaccines. My education extended to a Master of Traditional Oriental Medicine. After I became ill from my vaccine, Chinese Medicine, I believe, saved my life and helped me to regain improved health. I wanted to do the same for others.

I am worlds better than I was at 28, thanks to knowledgeable healthcare practitioners, supportive friends, personal experience and 20 years of education in holistic education. Thousands of hours and tens of thousands of dollars later, I am living a fairly normal life.

But, what about those who aren't?

What about those babies or teenagers or adults who haven't been as fortunate as I?

This is only my story. I have also heard the stories of others. For example, two acquaintances have shared with me their experience of the onset of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile diabetes right after their childhood vaccinations.

We live in a society of staunchly held beliefs. One of those beliefs is that vaccines are safe and effective. When somebody suffers an adverse reaction to a vaccine, not only is the affected suffering the physical and emotional pain, he or she is doubted and ridiculed by family, friends and, if they post their experience on Facebook, the entire nation.

Those vaccinated after the 1986 vaccine schedule change have had to endure large quantities of preservatives and adjuvants injected into their bodies. Is it possible that there is a connection with the large uptick in children suffering from auto-immune conditions, allergies, attention disorders, not to mention more severe illnesses such as brain damage and cancer? Until there is **absolute** proof that **each** individual child will not be directly impacted by the injection that he or she is being given, we need room to make the choice to vaccinate or not vaccinate, to selectively vaccinate or to spread out the shots in a fashion that will adequately allow the child's body to tolerate them more successfully. Each child has his or her own genetic make up, environmental stressors and gut biome. **ALL** of these things need to be taken into account before any medical intervention is performed, unless in the case of a severe accident or life threatening experience.

When a legislator votes on a bill like HB 3063, I believe that they are making this decision based on 20th century knowledge. The amount of new information on epigenetics, brain-gut connections and the gut biomes' relationship to immunity is new and exciting and can give a clear understanding as to why some children react to vaccines and some don't. How many people with law making power are up to date on current research? Or, have taken the time to speak to experts in these fields of new research, instead of relying on old data and the word of the CDC?

I ask that, in the face of this decision, you take time before you make a decision about the fate of Oregon's children to study the literature on vaccination and vaccination side effects. Please don't make a decision that may impact children and their futures until you speak to families whose lives have been forever changed. Take the time to confer with doctors who support selective vaccination and why.

Before you vote yes on this bill, take into consideration the personal impact vaccines have had on your constituents already. How many more will have to experience a negative impact before legislators understand that **mandating** health care initiatives that require injecting chemicals into the human body is not a good idea?

Sincerely,
Kristi Murphy

From: [Kathy Kraskov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Salem- HB3063 financial impact, Vote NO
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:47:41 AM

We should always have our medical freedom. This bill was carelessly and blatantly written without the thought of how it will financially impact the state of Oregon. Family's will be segregated and separated from friends, family and the community. This bill does not protect the rights of nearly 8,000 students with an IEP that will be stripped away their special education services. Are you going to guarantee that hundreds of teacher won't loose their jobs because thousands of students are forced to homeschool? Will you guarantee that hundreds of employees that work for the school districts including bus drivers won't loose their jobs? Will you guarantee that hundreds of family's won't loose their homes or possessions because they will be forced stay home and home school which will reduce them to one income? Will you guarantee that thousands won't have to move out of the state whether it's to get their children get an education or to seek work? This WILL have a devisating financial effect on not only the state of Oregon but the economy as well. Don't let big pharma bully or bribe you into takeing away our religious exemptions and freedom. The people of Oregon have elected you to listen and speak for them not to ignore and silence them. PLEASE VOTE "NO" on HB3063!

From: [Megan Kimmelshue](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:52:35 AM

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

HB3063 does not align with Oregon values. This bill is geared towards industry profit, rather than public health, and this mandate is putting the cart before the horse. In Oregon, there have 0 cases of community-acquired measles, per the OHA. Zero! There is no financial impetus on the state to take on the burden of a new and unnecessary mandate such as this one.

The Oregon education system is already stretched thin and deserving of our resources, particularly our children needing special education and those with IEPs, many of whom have exemptions yet are ineligible for a medical exemption through OHA (only CDC contraindications are approved, not CDC precautions like many other states). OHA's medical exemption policy is extremely narrow and way behind the current science regarding the potentialities for vaccine injury.

A child could be missing just ONE booster, or perhaps following a doctor-recommended delayed schedule, while still ultimately becoming fully vaccinated, yet would not be able to attend school or any school events. This is utterly and completely unnecessary.

Please do not waste precious education or healthcare resources in our state in this way when there are much greater and more worthy ways to spend taxpayer dollars.

Thank you,
Megan & Andy Kimmelshue
Portland, Oregon

From: [Kate speake](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Written Testimony to be submitted for HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:14:58 AM

I am emailing to let you know that I strongly oppose HB 3063 for several reasons, listed below.

Key points on why this bill should not pass

- 31,500 students will be forced to leave school
- The overall cost if all 31,500 students leave school is an estimated 410,000,000 million dollars in potential annual loss to schools. So even if only half of the children leave the schools that is still 204 Million dollars, to a school budget that is already short.
- The way legislation is written Medical exemptions would be very hard to get and almost criminal the way the bill is written.
- The vaccination rates in Oregon are very high.
- If a child is just missing one vaccine, they must file an exemption so the child could be 98% vaccinated and still show as an exemption filed. So not every exemption means the children are fully unvaccinated, the parents may be on a delayed schedule or they don't believe in injecting their children with Aborted Fetal Tissue (DNA).

As someone who has had to have what gets put into her body by the government before (I served for 9 years in the Marines), that is something I would never wish or want for my children and is a violation of our 1st Amendment Rights.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Speake (USMC)

From: [Sophiamccleary](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Eagle Point, OR
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:17:27 AM

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for taking the time to look over my concerns regarding HB 3063 and the financial impact it will have on Oregon, if passed.

Please oppose HB 3063. Aside from the obvious encroachment on medical and religious freedoms, this bill has moved so swiftly, it is unclear how and where the financial impact will take place. The thousands of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students attending school will be displaced to private homeschool programs. These programs do not receive federal funding for education- leaving Oregon with even less teachers and funding to provide quality public education. As life-long residents of Oregon will know- this is not an area that Oregon can afford to lose any available resources!

Another facet of financial impact that will not be good for Oregon- the thousands of working parents that will have to sacrifice their paying job to stay home with their child/ren that is ineligible for attending school. Is the amount of income tax that this will remove from Oregon's revenue being considered? Depleting Oregon's income while increasing the amount of families qualifying for social services will have an even greater impact on depleting Oregon's resources and middle class.

What is the financial plan for being able to provide these additional families with social services, while having a smaller number of families paying income tax to provide for these services?

How will OHP and healthcare costs be affected by mandatory vaccines? And caring for patients who've had adverse reactions? Is there an estimate for the increased costs in medical procedures that state-funded programs will be administering?

Considering that this legislature will include any future vaccines released to the market is a grave concern, as the manufacturers of these products hold Zero liability for any adverse health reactions by the recipient. In addition, the manufacturers of vaccines are profit driven companies that may take advantage of the vaccine mandate by releasing new drugs to the market that have not been thoroughly studied, using scientific protocol of double- blind placebo studies. In fact, none of the currently recommended vaccines on the schedule have been tested using these scientific means. For patients who do experience adverse reactions, there is no means for compensation from the lawfully protected drug companies; this makes Oregon vulnerable to costly lawsuits concerning medical compensation for vaccine-injured children and their families. This is a major expense that could wreak havoc on Oregon's budget!

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider my concerns relating to HB 3063. I hope you will find that with the available information, this bill poses too great a risk to the economy and prosperity of Oregon and its constituents. Please practice prudence with these important matters and oppose HB 3063!

Sincerely,
Sophia McCleary

From: [Amy Berg](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: No HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:34:22 AM

Ways and Means Committee,

Please oppose HB3063. This bill, if passed, will greatly affect my family as well as thousands of others in Oregon.

If passed, our family will have no choice but to move out of Oregon, a place we have lived our whole lives. We refuse to live in a place where our children are segregated and discriminated against.

The impact our move will have on the State of Oregon:

- No private school money for our daughter to attend 2 years of preschool
- No public school funding for my son currently in Kindergarten
- No state taxes collected on our income
- Loss of small business
- Our home will be sold
- Loss of money for team sports activities

These are only a few of the ways Oregon will lose money. Multiply this by thousands.

Parents are NOT going to give up their rights and consent to injecting their children with untested toxins because Oregon tell them to. They will move, and others with families will avoid moving to Oregon.

HB 3063 is bad business, bad policy and violates human rights. Oregon is better than this!

Thank you,

Amy Berg and Charles Stewart

From: [Bree Kendrick](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Hood River, OR -- TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:39:10 AM

Dear Committee Members,

I write you today in opposition of HB 3063. I am deeply saddened by the threat of pulling an education away from my children. My family has finally found a home here in Hood River, Oregon, but will be forced to move out of the state if such legislation passes.

My husband and I and our two girls moved from Seattle, Washington the summer of 2017 with the desire to raise our family in a small, like-minded community. We seamlessly created our new home in Hood River, immersing ourselves and our business in this amazing town - we absolutely love it here. We began our search for schools among the abundance of choices offered in the Columbia River Gorge, and found New Vision, an independent private school for students preschool - 5th grade. Although living within a 1/4 mile of Westside Elementary, we choose to drive 40 minutes every day to Mt. Hood Parkdale where New Vision is located. We choose to pay a combined tuition of \$14,950/year for our two children, that offers a unique holistic education that nurtures every child; emotionally, academically and spiritually. There is a strong emphasis on nature, arts, music, experiential learning, communication and relationship building. Our children are thriving in this environment and are keen to the STEAM program that is prominent in the school and the community.

It is our hope that our baby boy, born 9/11/18, will attend New Vision when of age. All 3 of our children could be enrolled in New Vision at the same time; a combined tuition of \$22,425 per year. If HB 3063 goes into effect, we will be forced to move our family and business out of the state because of our choice to not vaccinate. We are in the process of buying the home we are currently renting, but again, if HB 3063 passes, we will forego this purchase and look to buy in Washington where our civil liberties aren't compromised.

It is with extensive counseling with our pediatrician and research of our own, that we have made the significant choice to not vaccinate. We stand by this choice with conviction. To no surprise, they have a perfect bill of health and have made it through this winter with ZERO illness (not even a cold). I personally suffer vaccine injury that occurred back in 2008, and since have never received any vaccines. I will not put my children in harms way and risk their perfect health with such dangerous injections.

HB 3063 would punish children, parents and schools. There are 31,000+ healthy school kids in Oregon exempt from ONE or more of the 18 required vaccines. If these children do not comply with the proposed bill and are not enrolled this next school year, the amount the state pays for each student, \$13,320 would be void...an annual loss of \$412,920,000.

If you push through HB 3063, we will be forced to move out of Oregon; out of our community of Hood River. We will not be enrolled at New Vision and I am confident the numerous families I know who also choose to not vaccinate will choose to move out of state or homeschool their children.

I couldn't agree more with an article published by the National Vaccine Information Center: "When government policy is unjust and people resist, the last resort is always a show of force. Use of fear, intimidation, discrimination and punishment of dissenting minorities is the hallmark of authoritarian governments and so is censorship and propaganda."

Please make the right choice for Oregonians and keep our civil liberties in tact. I strongly oppose HB 3063 and I urge you to do the same.

Kindly,
Bree Kendrick
Hood River, Oregon

From: [Bethany Drohmann](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Opposition to HB 3063 from Eugene, OR 97405
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:54:20 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to House Bill 3063. I believe strongly in our right as Americans to make our own medical decisions. As a survivor of childhood vaccine injury, I want to be able to choose to more widely space my children's vaccines and not have that impact whether or not they can be in school. I have even had medical doctors advise me to delay certain vaccines as there can be a genetic component to vaccine reactions. My ability to delay vaccines in the name of safety would be compromised, or my children would be barred from receiving education. Many of the countries with the highest vaccine compliance rates don't have higher rates through coercion. They have several things in common:

1. A vaccine injury database which is completely transparent and comprehensive. This is something we desperately need.
2. Less total vaccines over the course of childhood. There are many reasons documented by science that spreading out our vaccines and giving less at one time is a much more safe approach with regards to both public health and individual reactions.
3. This will have a huge fiscal impact on Oregon and on our education system. We can't even fully fund education as it is and we are ranked 43rd in the nation. Additionally, people are going to start pushing for their child's portion of the taxes for education if they're barred from school. How are the unions going to feel about 13k per student being lost when these kids aren't allowed in school?

If we attempt to coerce parents into vaccinating rather than using science, data and information we are on a slippery slope away from freedom and liberty and towards dictatorship. This is not okay in a day and age when we have so much science and technology at our fingertips, as well as the ability to look at how other countries are handling vaccination.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Bethany Drohmann
Eugene, OR 97405

From: [Sarah Petty](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Fw: Molalla, OR hb3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:52:04 AM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I write to you as a mother of four and respectfully ask you to consider the following concerns for our household and community if hb3063 was to pass.

Other than the fact that this bill being presented is taking away parental rights and freedoms to choose for our own children and our own protections, it will create a huge deficit in the economy of our community and loss of funds to our school systems.

There are hundreds of children in our community that would be removed from schools, daycares, community sports and churches creating an incredible financial loss to these places of business and educational establishments. How will you handle the loss of jobs this would create? It will cause parents who are a two income family to go to one income because that are forced to homeschool. Thurs also creating segregation between the children of our community. How will you handle the mental stress and effects that this would also have our children from losing friends at school, team activities and involvement and attendance at their local churches? How will the state support the funds needed due to mental stress? How will the state handle funds and programmes needed to support children with an IEP that are no longer allowed to attend school because they have not met every single vaccinations criteria?

How will this affect our community as far as our real estate economy? This could easily cause people to leave the state because they feel that their freedoms are being encroached. It also harms small businesses in our town trying to establish themselves. With an influx of people possibly leaving our community, or keeping people from coming in and buying real estate in our community, causing people to have to go down to one income because they have to stay home, it all makes it difficult for a business to do well to establish itself here therefore hurting our economy.

Please consider these concerns and thank you for hearing them. Please understand the impact this bill would have on our children and their families.

Thank you.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Erin E. Larsen](#)
To: [waysandmeans.budget](#)
Subject: E. Larsen - Portland, OR
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:56:27 AM

E. Larsen, Private Citizen, Multnomah County, 97230

Thursday, March 21, 2019

OPPOSITION to H.B. No. 3063/3063 A, Relating to health care; declaring an emergency

Dear Joint Committee On Ways and Means:

I am testifying today in **OPPOSITION** to **HB 3063/3063 A** that would eliminate parental rights to religious and philosophical exemptions for their child's childhood vaccinations in the State of Oregon. If passed, 31,521 children who have filed non-medical exemptions in this state would be required by law to participate in forced medical treatment in order to attend public school. As a parent, I find this type of legislation to be discriminatory and a blatant violation of basic human rights. I believe that every parent has the right to make choices for his/her child based on informed consent. Informed consent means closely evaluating both the risks and benefits of any medical treatment before executing upon it.

As the Bill currently states, if my child misses EVEN ONE of these mandated vaccines, she will be denied entry to public school. I DO NOT CONSENT to the government having the power to come into my home and tell me what pharmaceutical products to put into my child. We are taxpayers who will leave the state before that happens.

Furthermore, I object to the passing of 3063/3063 A for the following reasons:

Congress regards vaccines as "unavoidably unsafe." As such, there will always be collateral damage. What HB 3063/3063 A proposes is that this collateral damage is less important than ensuring population control. Consequently, if my child suffers a vaccine injury, it will be my problem, not the pharmaceutical company that manufactured the vaccine (who has been cleared of all liability via the passing of The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) of 1986). It will be my sole responsibility to finance the care of my permanently injured child.

Vaccines are not "safe and effective" for everyone. By default, mandating vaccines as a "one size fits all" initiative turns all citizens regardless of age, gender or genetic makeup into human science experiments. If we do not conduct appropriate genetic testing prior to vaccination, we never know how that individual will tolerate the vaccine.

Vaccines have not been properly tested for safety. There have been no independent studies which adequately compare vaccinated individuals with unvaccinated individuals in a randomized double-blind placebo clinical setting for American children.

I believe that it is a parent's right to choose what is best for his/her children. I believe that when parents work with medical professionals who practice informed consent, better medical decisions are made. I believe that physicians need better education on vaccines including epigenetic research which focuses on how environmental factors impact our genes. Our health agencies need to be presented with unbiased data that have no ties to the pharmaceutical industry. I believe that thorough genetic testing should be done for children and adults prior to vaccination with an acceptance that certain children are susceptible to vaccine injury. This testing needs to be widely available and affordable to all.

As a fellow human, I implore you to look around and think very seriously about the impact of this law. Do you sincerely feel that forcibly injecting "unavoidably unsafe" pharmaceutical products into our children will truly benefit society? Do you think that instilling fear into our people and holding education up for ransom to gain their complacency is going to make the state of Oregon a better place?

I also implore you to spend some time with the parents of vaccine-injured children and listen to their stories. Listen to their tears and their anguish about how they fully trusted their health care providers and legislators to provide proper care for their kids, only to have them regress into chronic illness, or worse yet, a fog of irreversible brain damage after vaccines.

PLEASE INVEST THE SAME TIME AND EFFORT THAT I HAVE RESEARCHING THIS ISSUE. YOU ARE MY LAWMAKERS.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

E. Larsen

Testimony of Tom Salzer, General Manager of the Clackamas Soil and Water
Conservation District
Before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Portland, Oregon, March 21, 2019

Re: HB 2729

Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program

My name is Tom Salzer and I serve as the General Manager of Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District. We help Clackamas County citizens conserve the vital natural resources that support our communities and economy by coordinating cooperative conservation projects and providing technical and financial assistance.

I am here tonight to urge you to support House Bill 2729 and to fund the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) at \$10 million for the upcoming budget biennium. In Oregon, we are already in a large-scale agricultural land transition. Your leadership is needed to ensure that we do not permanently lose some of the best agricultural land in the world. Funding OAHP would provide organizations like mine the resources to meaningfully stem the tide.

Even though the State's budget is tight, this should not prevent us from making prudent investments. Just as soil and water conservation districts have evolved since the Great Depression to meet the needs of the time, OAHP has emerged in the nick of time to protect prime working landscapes that are increasingly vulnerable to development pressure. In Oregon, our partnership of SWCD's, land trusts, farmers, and ranchers will be far more effective at protecting our most precious and valuable working lands, given sufficient resources. I encourage this Committee to look forward and to consider how future generations will view the investments we make now to protect our irreplaceable natural resources.

Funding OAHP will be a high-value investment for the State that allows organizations on the ground like Clackamas SWCD to leverage federal and private investments that otherwise would not come to Oregon. I urge your strong support for HB 2729 and full funding for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program.

Thank you.

From: [Natasha Tipikin](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Bill HB 3063 Financial Testimony
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:16:10 PM

Dear Representative,

I would like to express my opposition to HB 3063. This bill would create financial distress for the families in our state and the state of Oregon.

Personally, I have a daughter on an IEP who has not been granted a medical exemption for her disabilities. She is currently receiving help through her school, attending a special education class and receiving speech therapy services. She has an undiagnosed disability that has been verified by physicians and psychiatrists, but has never had a vaccine due to compromised immune system observed from birth. As a parent, I have tried to help her with her education at home, but due to her disability, she can have emotional outbursts and breakdowns unexpectedly, leading to a stressful time trying to teach her. I fear that if she is unable to continue attending her structured classes at her school, it will lead to an unbearable home situation. The structure, consistency and directed education provided by her special education classes have allowed her to blossom in her abilities as a student. Taking this chance to continue in her classes due to mandated vaccine would discriminate against her and other students like herself who are unvaccinated or vaccinated on a delayed schedule due to their disabilities, which already leave them vulnerable to vaccine injury. The risk of vaccine injury to an already compromised individual is too high for parents and if

parents do choose this risk and their children experience adverse effects, who will fund their treatments and therapy? This is not something to be taken lightly, parents know this and need to be able to give informed consent, not be coerced by government mandates.

If my daughter had to be denied an education due to mandated vaccines, it would create financial hardship for our family, as we would have to personally fund special tutors and classes for her, which are very expensive. Finding specialized curriculum for special needs students is not only difficult, but expensive. Why do we are taxpayers pay into a school system that would discriminate our rights to have our children educated? If this bill would pass, we expect to be able to have the full amount that our child is entitled to for education to fund education expenses that we would require. This would only be fair. There are currently over 31,000 Oregon school children that have an exemption of some sort, if these children are not allowed an education due to mandated vaccines, then this state will experience of shortfall of nearly \$41 million dollars to our state's education budget, which is already strained and schools take budget cuts every year.

Passing such a bill would also force more strain on a deficient healthcare budget, as the statistics prove that there are vaccine injuries leading to all sorts of expensive conditions. Parents whose children would become moderately or severely vaccine injured would have to provide more care for their children, leading to the necessity of taking time off work or even having to give

up their jobs to provide care. This would lead to more people needing some kind of state benefits or welfare, again leading to further strain on an already strained state budget.

I ask to weight the risks of such a bill and see that indeed it is unreasonable and dangerous. It would lead to the discrimination and segregation of students that need to be in school and have the school system's support. Taking away the right to an education would create much financial hardship for families, the state's economy and Oregon's budget. This is all too much to risk for taking away informed consent.

Thank you for your time and service to our state.

Natalia and Feodor Tipikin

March 21, 2019 Testimony to the Oregon Ways and Means Committee

HB 3063 Effect on School Funding

Good evening Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to come hear from We the People. It is so important to have dialogue regarding this matter and I hope after tonight's session, ideas and conversations will begin to take place. As you can see, I am in the minority tonight. The issue at hand is not only a mother's right to choose best for her child, it's also a father's right as we are called to be the protector of the home and I take that command very seriously. I stand here tonight for all the Dads afraid to be called out or labeled something they are not. I represent the Dads who would lay down their life for their family. I am here for the Dads who are working to bring home a paycheck to pay for their child's education. Most importantly, I am here for my sweet 7 year old daughter sitting by my side, who I love with every ounce of my soul.

I am also here to speak up for the amazing educators across this state who give their blood, sweat and lots of tears to their students. I know, because I am married to one.

You have heard the potential losses of education funding should HB 3063 pass. On behalf of Oregon teachers, I want to call to your attention HB 3063's potential need to reduce staff levels and increase class sizes:

School Funding Impact in Oregon due to HB 3063

Students not fully vaccinated	31,000
# of Schools across Oregon	1,200
Average students per school	26
School funding per student in Oregon	\$13,320.00
Post HB 3063 Potential revenue loss per school	\$344,100.00
Post HB 3063 Funding loss state-wide	\$412,920,000.00
Average Teacher Salary in Oregon (BLS stat)	\$57,450.00
Post HB 3063 # of Teacher Reductions Needed per school	6.0

Post HB 3063 Teacher Reductions statewide	7,187
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Total Students in Oregon-2017 (OR DOE 2018 Report)	553,492
Total Teachers in Oregon-2017	23,958
Average Class Size	23

Post HB 3063-# of Teachers	16,771
Post HB 3063-Average class size	33
% increase in class size	43%

If you're not aware, educators across the state plan to march on the capital very soon requesting more funding. As you can see, HB 3063 may cause funding and staffing reductions, which is the exact opposite of what they'll be asking for.

As a Human Resources business leader in Wilsonville, staffing a business according to incoming revenues is so important to my job. Just like your household income, you can't spend more than you make. Funding education is no different. Beyond the parental rights issue that HB 3063 infringes upon, considering such a measure may have damaging financial results for those we honor as educators.

I pray you don't carry HB 3063 any further.

Thank you,

Brian E. Price, PHR

Wilsonville, OR resident

From: [Yana Leonchik](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Portland, OR
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:29:57 PM

Hello,

I am asking you to oppose HB 3063. This bill is discriminatively designed to exclude children from access public education in Oregon by requiring they comply with all vaccinations on the OHA schedule. This is a medical decision that belongs in the hands of parents and their chosen doctors only. Parents are the only unpaid person in a child's life who makes all decisions based purely on love and devotion to the well being of their child. This sacred bond should not be usurped by the government in exchange for public education.

I am personally distressed by this bill as many thousands of Oregonians are right now.

My 2 children would be deprived of public education and all it entails if this bill passes as written. 31,000- 36,000 children have non-medical exemptions in Oregon right now, and the vast majority of them would not comply with vaccine mandates, but instead would pull their children out of schools.

Tens of thousands of children being withdrawn from public schools will have a significant financial impact on school districts throughout the state of Oregon.

Parents being forced to homeschool their children, with no financial support from the state is criminal. Not only are they being punished for making their own medical decisions, they are being forced to remove one parent from the workforce to educate their own children at home, and in isolation. This is a financial loss for all parties concerned.

We are in a stable health situation in Oregon and in the USA as a whole in terms of communicable diseases. Measles or a similar infectious disease is not in the top 100 causes of childhood deaths in the USA Today.

There is NO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: 268 cases of measles, with 0 deaths, in a country of 326,766,748 people is not an emergency.

At the height of measles infections in the USA when over 90% of children would get measles in their childhood, the death rate was between 1 in 6,000 and 1 in 10,000.

Worldwide the death rate of measles continues to be an issue, due to malnutrition and the lack of Vitamin A. Malnutrition causes measles deaths, not measles alone.

We do have many health crises in the USA, childhood diabetes, autism, asthma, adhd, suicide and many more.

Infectious disease is simply NOT THE ISSUE FOR OUR TIMES in the USA.

This bill is rather aimed at exerting governmental control over the individual, and usurping parental rights.

JOIN ME AND thousands of families and VOTE NO ON HB 3063.

Yana

Portland, Oregon

From: [Megan Cook](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Central Point, OR Opposed to HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:33:21 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Megan Cook, I am 28 years old, and I am a resident of Central Point in Jackson County. I am currently a student at Rogue Community College where I am pursuing a degree in nursing. I am married to a Grants Pass Fire Fighter and we have two children, ages 5 and 2.

I am writing to you regarding House Bill 3063, which you will be voting on in the near future. I have several concerns regarding the ethics of this bill and the financial toll it will take on our state. Before I introduce these concerns, I would like to mention that Oregon already requires several vaccinations for children attending public school and the percentage of children that are completely unvaccinated is only 2.6%. Many families have chosen to file for exemptions so that they can partially vaccinate or delay vaccinations for their children, making up another 5%. Many people in that small group are exercising their religious and philosophical freedoms by not vaccinating. Others are people that cannot receive a medical exemption but it is recommended by their doctor that their child not receive one or more of the required vaccines. This has been touted as a public health crisis even though, according to the CDC, deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases are at an all-time low across the United States. This legislation is a gross overreach of power.

This bill will affect approximately 32,000 school-aged children. First and foremost, I think it is important to discuss the impact this bill will have on the children themselves. Educating our children is foundational if we are trying to maintain and improve our state's economy. If we want to bring high-paying jobs to this state and keep them, we need to have qualified candidates for those jobs. This bill holds that education hostage unless individuals decide to comply with vaccinations that potentially go against their religious or philosophical beliefs.

A lower attendance rate for schools translates into less money for the schools.

There are two ways in which this bill will reduce attendance rates for schools across Oregon. First, if students that are currently enrolled in public schools transition to a homeschool setting, public schools will lose funding for those students. Second, there are currently many homeschool students that dual enroll in public schools so that they can have access to after-school and sports programs that the school district provides. This bill will prohibit homeschool students that are not fully vaccinated from participating in these programs, resulting in even lower attendance rates and more financial losses for schools.

If there is a decline in attendance at public schools, educators will lose their jobs.

The amount of funding a school given school receives is based on attendance. If there is a decrease in funding, educators will need to be laid off in order to keep the school district solvent. If each educator in the public school system teaches a class of approximately 30 students, the state of Oregon stands to lose 1,066 educators. This will either drive up the unemployment rate, or these individuals will leave the state looking for jobs elsewhere.

This bill will also affect attendance rates at post-secondary institutions throughout the state. In the amendment that was adopted for this bill, post-secondary institutions that provide childcare will need to comply with the regulations of this bill. Potential and current students who require childcare will choose to attend another college outside of the state of Oregon.

Infrastructure and business policies will need to be developed for public events and daycare facilities. While public schools already have the infrastructure in place to track vaccination records of students, there is currently no system in place to track vaccination records for school-aged individuals attending a football game or graduation ceremony. HB 3063 specifically states in the adopted Amendment 13 that a “child who is not immunized may not attend in person any school-related activities, events, or meetings in which the child will share the same physical space as other individuals.” Will it be necessary then to have identification that signifies an individual has been immunized? If that is the case, who pays for said identification? What about non-immunized individuals that have come from out of state to attend a family member’s graduation ceremony or performance; will they need to fill paperwork to receive an approved exemption or will they also be excluded?

With regards to public and daycare facilities that are affected by this bill, there is no precedent for how to deal with a situation like this. The Fiscal Impact Report that was submitted for this bill on 3/18/19 fails to address this portion of the bill entirely and there is also no clarification in the text of the bill regarding who is responsible for enforcement. Will there be forms that need to be filed or identification cards that need to be carried? And will the state need to dedicate law enforcement resources to ensure these facilities are compliant? In any case, there will be costs for creating the infrastructure and enforcing these regulations. As it stands, there is not enough information in the bill regarding this topic to sufficiently determine what the financial impact will be on the state and on the citizens.

Two-income families and single parent families will not be able to find childcare for their children, forcing them to make tough financial decisions. This bill will leave no childcare options for families that do not have a stay-at-home parent. They will need to either: (1) leave the state, (2) their children will stay home in isolation and not be educated fully or (3) in dual income families one parent may choose to stay at home with children and suffer the financial repercussions.

This bill will place undue financial hardship on many citizens of Oregon and state monies

will inevitably need to be diverted from other important programs to fund this unnecessary legislation.

To conclude this letter, I would like to implore you to look not only at the financial toll this bill will take, look at the ethics of it as well. May I remind you of Article 6 of UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights:

Article 6 – Consent

1. Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice.

2. Scientific research should only be carried out with the prior, free, express and informed consent of the person concerned. The information should be adequate, provided in a comprehensible form and should include modalities for withdrawal of consent. Consent may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without any disadvantage or prejudice. Exceptions to this principle should be made only in accordance with ethical and legal standards adopted by States, consistent with the principles and provisions set out in this Declaration, in particular in Article 27, and international human rights law.

3. In appropriate cases of research carried out on a group of persons or a community, additional agreement of the legal representatives of the group or community concerned may be sought. In no case should a collective community agreement or the consent of a community leader or other authority substitute for an individual's informed consent.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider the rights of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Megan Cook

3/21/2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a concerned mother and grandmother. My daughter and her husband along with my 3 grandchildren live and work in Bend Oregon. 5 years ago they moved from Ohio to Oregon to live in a state that has awarded them more opportunity to gain meaningful employment and to raise their children in a manner that fits their lifestyle. My son in law is a Construction Engineer with a degree in Architecture and my daughter has a degree in Architecture as well, but chooses to be a stay at home mom who supplements their family's income with her small business of design and photography. I want to tell you about my 3 grandchildren so that you can see who you will be hurting with HB 3063. My grandson is Penn, age 5, is an intelligent, curious boy who attends a Montessori school in Bend. He can read and do addition and subtraction and loves dinosaurs. Penn is looking forward to attending kindergarten in the fall and to begin tee-ball practice in April. Arlo, age 3, is an energetic boy who is obsessed with baseball. Arlo can't wait to play baseball and even sleeps with a ball, bat and glove! Rosy, my sweet granddaughter will be turn 1 in May. She laughs and smiles when she sees her Grandma on Facetime and is beginning to attempt a few steps. She loves to eat, especially chicken and avocados.

I am a retired Pharmacist who has taken advanced classes in Immunology from Idaho State University. I am opposed to HB 3063. The bill not only denies a parent the right to choose what they can put in their own children's body, but as a Libertarian, I strongly oppose the government interfering with the rights of parents when they feel what is best for their children. I have no problem with parents who believe that it is in the best interest of their children to vaccinate them, BUT I feel that my children, who are highly educated, have the same right NOT to vaccinate their children. I am willing to express my opinion with you or someone from your office if you want to reach out to me. It is breaking my heart to think that my innocent grandchildren would not be able to attend school or play sports. They are the healthiest children that I have ever been around. Many of my previous colleagues' children have been ill over the years with cases of bronchitis, asthma attacks and flu symptoms. Please consider who you will be hurting with this bill. Big pharmaceutical companies will not provide you with all of the side effects of the vaccines or the actual growth mediums that the vaccines are derived from. It is in THEIR best interest to push this legislation through the legal system. Look up and read vaccine.guide for information on the growth mediums used in common vaccines and see if you want that injected into you or your loved one.

Thank you for your time and I look forward from hearing from your office.

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From: [Jennifer Burkhart](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: (Portland) Please vote no HB3603
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:40:50 PM

Dear Legislators,

HB3603 would prevent my children from attending public school. My 7 year old just started a new school 2.5 weeks ago, and is really enjoying it. We waited 2 years to get into this school, and now his education is threatened. My kids will not qualify for a medical exemption, so that is not an option (it is a very strict contraindication list). We will have no choice but to home school, but as you are very aware, single income families in the state of Oregon struggle to make ends meet. I was planning to go back to work once both of our children were in school so that we can afford to buy a home. With this bill, we will not afford a home, and barely afford rent. I fully expect to receive a tax refund, or funds in some form to school my children at home. If no funds are provided to home school my children, we will move out of state because we will no longer be able to provide a stable life for our family.

Please vote no on this bill, which is a gross overreach of government, a violation of religious freedom, and a violation of civil rights (bodily autonomy). There is no state of emergency, no transmission of measles in schools, and no logical reason for this bill. There are other ways to protect the public (better nutrition, disease management), and our freedoms in this country.

Thank you,
Jennifer Burkhart

How will the the state handle the adverse outcomes that will surely rise due to mandating vaccines for all children?

"Exemptions are also allowed on religious grounds in 48 states and on philosophic grounds in 15 states (Evans, 1999). Such exemptions are rare, however, and it is argued that these public health mandates, because they are imposed on healthy children, place a special responsibility on the government for rigorous attention to safety issues, even for rare adverse outcomes."

"As this report reflects, there are concerns that the growing number of immunizations routinely given to young children could be a contributing factor to increases in rates of some allergic and autoimmune conditions."

"In the present case, the committee considers the possibility that the exposure of infants to multiple immunizations might increase risks of immune dysfunction."

"That is, there is no study that compares an unvaccinated control group with children exposed to the complete immunization schedule, nor are there any studies that looked at health outcomes other than those classically defined, such as infections, allergy, or diabetes."

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK220494/>

From: [Leslie Hamlett](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Portland
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:20:35 PM

Dear members of the Ways and Means Committee,
I have many concerns with the fiscal impacts of HB 3063. To name a few:

- Does OHA have resources to fund the extra help and education students with a disability or an IEP will need to receive services outside of the classroom? Will OHA be paying for these services at the student's home or will families be given a stipend to receive services elsewhere? Will a child have to be fully vaccinated to attend the location of these services?
- Does OHA have the money to staff the school administration necessary to police the vaccine records? Portland Public Schools faces a \$17 million shortfall next year, with many schools cutting back on teachers. Who's going to be able to perform these extra duties when the budget is already spent?
- Is Oregon ready to pick up an increase in OHP, WIC and SNAP services for families that must pull one parent out of the workforce to homeschool?
- Has Oregon estimated the number of tax dollars it will lose if families and businesses move out of state? We can look to California to understand how many families will respond to this bill: by moving.
- What if families decide to sue the state for discrimination?

My main concern is the education of our children. I am very worried that Portland Public Schools is already underfunded and underperforming. Please don't put more burden on an already stressed establishment. Our kids need all the resources they can get right now - not resources stripped from them. Not to mention, it is a child's right to attend school.

Thank you,

Leslie Hamlett, ND

From: [Jacob Meyer](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:23:35 PM

To whom it may concern:

Members of the ways & means committee.

Please know that me and the rest of my family are planning on moving out of state if this bill passes.

We will move our businesses out of Oregon and to Washington.

We cannot stand by and have our family's rights stripped away from us by the party we thought had our best interests at heart.

From: [Erica Peirson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Portland, Oregon
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:29:09 PM

Ways and Means Committee,

I'm writing to you with my concerns regarding HB 3063. I'm a parent, a physician and a proud Oregonian.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the nation's federal special education law that ensures public schools serve the educational needs of students with disabilities. IDEA requires that schools provide special education services to eligible students as outlined in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). IDEA also provides very specific requirements to guarantee a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment (LRE). FAPE and LRE are the protected rights of every eligible child, in all fifty states and U.S. Territories.

How will the state of Oregon financially meet requirements laid out by the federally mandated IDEA if a student with an IEP is not allowed in public schools? How will this be coordinated with schools? How will "least restrictive" be interpreted? It could easily be argued that not allowing a student to attend within a classroom environment and segregating them from their peers defines "restrictive".

Approximately 13.3 percent of Oregon students qualify for special education services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, according to figures from 2017. That percent is likely larger now and will grow in the future as this population of children is the fastest growing area of education in the state. A higher percentage of these children likely have non-medical vaccination exemptions due to more complicated medical histories.

Allowing HB 3063 to pass will create an enormous hardship on the disability community as many parents of children with a disability who have chosen a modified or slower vaccination schedule for their children rely on the school to not only educate their children but to provide speech therapy, behavioral therapy, social connection and a sense of community. Segregating these children from schools makes this vulnerable population of children who already experience a great deal of discrimination in today's society even more vulnerable due to lack of proper education, services and peer connections.

My son has a genetic condition and a very complicated medical history that involves his immune and neurological system. Only I and his doctors know what he's been through. He does not qualify for a medical exemption for vaccination because he has not experienced an anaphylactic reaction to a vaccine or encephalitis secondary to a

vaccine. As a very knowledgeable physician, one who has studied the immune and nervous system in great depth on behalf of my son and my patients, I am concerned about the role that too many vaccinations can have on his system. I have taken a slow and careful approach to vaccination for him, but not avoided vaccinations altogether. For example, we have chosen to avoid the Hepatitis B vaccine for now because my 11 yo son does not and will not be using IV drugs or having sexual contact with others. Retrospective studies have looked at the consequences of the Hepatitis B vaccine specifically. One such study was published in March of 2018 in the Journal Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology. They stated, “During the decade from 1991 to 2001 that infants were routinely exposed to T-HepB in the United States (US), an estimated 1.3-2.5 million children were diagnosed with ADHD with excess lifetime costs estimated at US \$350-\$660 billion as a consequence of T-HepB.” (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29413097>). I’m not willing to take expose my son to this risk while his brain is still developing and we’re still working to optimize his immune and nervous system function.

Children like my son, who have not been studied in regards to vaccine safety, are not being taken into consideration when vaccinations for all children are being mandated. No studies exist looking at the safety of vaccines, in isolation or in combination, in children with genetic conditions.

There are many other details surrounding this bill that are not being laid out as it is currently written. Children will be exposed to other children in many more environments than public schools like children’s museums, the grocery store, the library, gymnasiums, play areas at restaurants. The list is endless. Removing children who have not received the full CDC schedule of vaccines from one potential exposure environment is not going to change any exposure risks. As well, we all know that Oregon already exceeds herd immunity.

OHA 2018 Data for Oregon K-12 vaccine rates per vaccine and Herd Immunity Threshold

Disease	Transmission	Ro	Herd Immunity Threshold	**Percent Vaccinated in Oregon in 2018	Exceeds Threshold by at least %
Diphtheria	Saliva	6-7	85%	95.3%	10.3%
Measles	Airborne	12-18	83-94% /95%	95.9-96.7%	0.9-1.7%
Mumps	Saliva	4-7	75-86%	96.7%	10.7%
Pertussis	Airborne	12-17	92-94%	95.3%	1.3%
Polio	Fecal-oral	5-7	80-86%	95.9%	9.9%
Rubella	Airborne	6-7	83-85%	96.7%	11.7%
*Chicken Pox	Airborne/lesions		86-91%	96.5%	5.5%

Modified from Epid Rev 1993;15: 265-302, Am J Prev Med 2001; 20 (4S): 88-153, MMWR 2000; 49 (SS-9): 27-38

**OHA Data 2018- Percent of students complete for school required vaccines, grades K-12

*Hum Vaccin Immunother. 2012 Feb;8(2):184-8. doi: 10.4161/hv.18444. Evaluation of the establishment of herd immunity in the population by means of serological surveys and vaccination coverage. Plans-Rubió P1.

If the core of this bill is to protect immune vulnerable children where is the protection for my son who many would consider vulnerable to an adverse reaction to vaccines, one that might not be recognized immediately? I work with many truly immune compromised children and their parents are concerned about a lot more than communicable diseases associated with vaccinations. They keep their children home to avoid simple colds and other viral conditions not associated with a vaccine.

Please vote for freedom, bodily autonomy, parental rights and physicians' right in opposing HB 3063.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Erica Peirson

Physician/Owner, Peirson Center for Children



www.peirsoncenter.com

TESTIMONY OF JAS. ADAMS IN SUPPORT OF SB 445
Before Joint Ways & Means Committee Meeting at PCC
in Portland, Oregon
March 21, 2019

My name is James ("Jas.") Jeffrey Adams, residing in SE Portland.

I appear today as a citizen. While I was the previous AIC of Natural Resources at the Oregon Department of Justice, I also developed and taught for 12 years a wildlife law course at Willamette Univ College of Law, and I recently served a term on the Council.

My work on invasive species has included conceiving and crafting 2011 legislation making it no longer voluntary but mandatory for *all* boats being transported on roads to stop at check stations and be inspected and cleaned of aquatic invasive species. Because criminal consequences do not result for compliers, even if invasive species are found, this model sidesteps Oregon strict constitutional requirements of reasonable suspicion for stops and probable cause to search. Since the program's start, the 25% voluntary compliance rate quickly rose to 75% & and is still rising; and the stations have proven to be effective.

While on the Council, I helped develop the 2017 statewide strategic plan for invasive species, mandated by OISC's governing law, by serving as committee chair and chief editor. Over the last year, I have participated in the group developing potential legislative provisions to make the Council more representative and improve coordination.

- **THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL IS AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ACTUALLY PREVENT CATASTROPHIC ECONOMIC LOSSES CAUSED BY DESTRUCTIVE INVASIVE SPECIES**

Oregon's Joint Ways & Means Committee is faced with the unenviable task of allocating Oregon's available General Fund among dozens of state agencies, all of whom are competing for their share of scarce dollars to fund agency programs.

A few of the agency requests will come from those agencies engaged in emergency preparedness, for natural disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis, lightning-caused wildfires, and the like. Most of those natural disasters are not preventable, and the related agencies can only hope to mitigate the losses *after* they occur.

But there is one agency seeking a modest allocation of general funding that has the responsibility and the ability to actually *prevent* the catastrophic economic losses that will occur if destructive invasive species succeed in Oregon.

- **BEST DEFENSE AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE SPECIES INVADING OREGON: PREVENTION.**

Invasive species threaten Oregon because of the strong drive built into their DNA to spread and flourish. The most threatening invasive species have the characteristics of being highly adaptable, able to reproduce quickly, and quick to exploit new habitats they may encounter. They are, collectively, natural aggressors. Species at the other end of the spectrum tend to be

limited to specific habitats, have slow reproductive cycles and evince more vulnerability to competition. They - and we - become the victims.

Invasive species increasingly exploit pathways created by man: ships' ballast water, interstate commerce, boats being transported. Invasive species do not recognize political boundaries, multiple layers of government, or competing priorities of agencies. They enter by stealth, often unnoticed. We unwittingly give them opportunities to invade.

Invasive species, being adaptable, can outcompete and displace native species. Unaware of Tom McCall's exhortation to come visit but then go back home, invasive species do settle in, which is often when they are *first* discovered by humans. Oregon's monitoring is not comprehensive, and our systems are not configured to detect all new threats or new pathways. When we react too late, it's already game over for Oregon.

In the 1990s zebra and quagga mussels were introduced to the Great Lakes by ships from the Baltic Sea, and from there they exploded exponentially every year, moving outward through ballast water in ships and other manmade routes of invasion to take over the entire continental US, except for a few Pacific Northwest states including Oregon. Elsewhere, lakes have become eerily clear because all nutrients have been sucked out of them; clogged hydro equipment has incapacitated infrastructure. Those two miniscule mussel species could yet cause widespread economic damage to riverine infrastructure and disruption to food webs in the entire Columbia River & Snake River basin, which support threatened and endangered salmonids.

Once established, invasive species are extremely difficult to dislodge. Prevention has proved to be the most effective, and sometimes the only, strategy.

- **THE COUNCIL'S UNIQUE ROLE: STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COORDINATION TO PROTECT NOT ONLY OREGON'S ENVIRONMENT BUT ALSO ITS ECONOMY**

The Council's original mandate includes statewide strategic planning and coordination. The Council does this throughout Oregon by cutting across political boundaries and competing stakeholder priorities. The Council is a "*leader* for the conducting of a coordinated and comprehensive effort" for invasive species. ORS 570.750(3). It is mandated to "develop a statewide plan for dealing with invasive species." ORS 570.755(2)(f).

Each state agency with a seat on Council has a critical role: ODA's noxious weed program, ODFW's operation of AIS inspection stations funded by the Marine Board, DEQ's ballast water program, Forestry's campaigns against the emerald ash borer and other timber pests. But among state agencies, only the Council is charged with statewide planning and overall coordination. Only the Council's mission is to protect not just the Oregon environment but the Oregon *economy*, including business, industries, and jobs. See ORS 570.750(6-8).

Although invasive species is a global issue, there is no national or international program in place to protect Oregon. Corporations and nonprofit entities are necessary stakeholders in the collective effort, but they lack the power to lead Oregon's defense. That is up to OISC. To counter the powerful primordial drive of opportunistic invasive species, we must look beyond piecemeal

priorities and siloed agency programs to plan strategically and on a coordinated basis to protect Oregon's economy and native biodiversity,

- **SB 445 STRENGTHENS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

SB 445 reconfigures Council membership by re-designating at-large seats and adding:

- a. State Parks & Recreation Dept as a voting state agency on Council.
- b. 1 stakeholder in each of 6 groups of Oregon counties as voting members.
- c. U.S. departments of Interior, Agriculture and Homeland Security, and potentially other federal agencies, invited as nonvoting permanent members.
- d. A state Senator and Representative as nonvoting members ("legislative champions")
- e. Governor's Office of Natural Resources as nonvoting member.

- **COST-EFFECTIVE FUNDING FOR THE COUNCIL**

Senator Roblan has included funding provisions in SB 445 to ensure that the Council has adequate resources to prevent destructive invasive species from causing depredations that threaten the Oregon economy. If that happens, the price tag will be catastrophic for our infrastructure, agriculture, forestry, our rivers, lakes and our fish and wildlife --- all of which contribute immeasurably to the viability and livability of Oregon.

Though small, OISC is one of the most productive agencies in state government:

- Early realization of reporting network and innovative educational outreach
- Roadside inspection station program for AIS created in 2011
- Completion of first Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species in 2017
- Successful defense against zebra and quagga mussels and other species - so far.

The Council historically has had a shoestring budget, \$100,000 per biennium. There was a one-time \$350K emergency fund allocation in 2009 and a one-time \$100K allocation from general fund in 2015. In the current biennium, the Council's budget is the lowest it has been in 12 years. The Council's mandated loan/grant program has never been funded.

The total budget of this small but important agency remains a fraction of the size of many state agencies. Its relatively narrow focus on invasive species underscores the importance of the singular mission this legislature gave to the Council. The funding level in SB 445 is worth every penny for the cost-effective prevention of invasions by destructive species.

- **THE MODEST FUNDING REQUEST SET FORTH IN SB 445 IS IMPERATIVE TO PREVENT CATASTROPHIC ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO OREGON**

Sb 445 would provide necessary funding for the council to carry out its statewide mission as authorized by using allocated funds in two separate OISC accounts:

- \$250k for the OISC trust account (ORS 570.800), which would support coordination efforts, strategic plan implementation, education/outreach grant funds, and council operations

- \$200k for the OISC control account (ORS 570.800) which supports rapid response activities for new invasive species control and eradication efforts.

In closing, SB 445 deserves the support of every Oregonian Senator and Representative in this Legislature.

To the Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Petra Prostrednik. I moved to Oregon in the 6th grade and went through the Portland Public School System. Between my husband and I, we own multiple houses and are both business owners in the State. As taxpayers, we have a vested interest in the fair appropriation of money spent on the education of children in Oregon.

My business is a Healthcare Facility, which has employed over 75 people. We provide care for families in an underserved community and had intentions to continue for many years to come. However, I cannot justify owning a business and making a contribution in a State where legislators are using coercion to force medical procedures, by threatening to withhold education, and using modern day SEGREGATION as their weapon.

I'm not an anti-vaxxer and I'm not here to argue the validity of vaccines. I've actually had more vaccines than the average person my age. I am here as a woman, who along with my family, escaped a communist country. And mark my words, THIS bill IS what communism looks like. HB3063 is a dangerous slippery slope. It would allow government to infringe on our human rights. I hope as our elected officials we can trust you to protect our constitutional freedoms, of all types, in this country.

Many years ago, my parents risked their lives so that we could escape the communist regime. They sacrificed their home, contact with family, and everything they had. I have childhood recollections of them rehearsing what they would say at the border. They knew they could be shot, but took the risk in order to give me the opportunities of freedom. Ultimately they drugged me, so that I would be asleep, and not potentially say the wrong thing to the guards. Now in 2019 in the "land of the free", I feel like I'm back to living in a communist country. If this bill passes, my home country (which is no longer communist), will become our escape plan so that we could have freedom from the United States.

Please protect our medical and educational freedoms in Oregon. VOTE NO on this expensive, overreaching legislation that would drive many business owners and their families to move out of State (or country), causing an even steeper decline in enrollment and removing millions of dollars from school budgets!

Thank you,

Petra Prostrednik

From: [Meredith Solberg](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: School budget concerns - Colton
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 2:56:17 PM
Attachments: [Ways and Means Testimony.pdf](#)

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am a vaccinated, pro-science democrat writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 3063. Please read my written testimony in the attached PDF.

If you don't take my word for it, I encourage you to watch a few minutes of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s convincing [remarks](#) and [press conference](#) regarding vaccine safety in Connecticut this week.

Thank you for your time,
Meredith

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Meredith C. Bennett
503.548.7043

Hello my name is Meredith Bennett. I am a fully vaccinated, pro-science, democrat, born and raised in Portland. I'm here today to urge you to oppose House Bill 3063.

I learned the hard way that vaccines are not a one-size fits-all approach. My sister suffered a severe adverse reaction to a vaccine, which was later acknowledged and compensated for by the vaccine court. After genetic testing and reviewing family history, our doctor informed us vaccines are contraindicated for our daughter. However, House Bill 3063 would prevent us from getting a medical exemption.

There are more than 31,000 Oregonian families with personal belief exemptions and countless more on a delayed schedule. Passing this bill will not persuade us to violate our conscience. Unfortunately for Oregon school budgets, we will instead homeschool or move out of state.

I recognize the concerns around these four confirmed measles cases and appreciate that you, like me, are willing to financially invest whatever necessary to keep our children safe; but accepting a potential \$420 million dollar loss to our already underfunded schools is fiscally irresponsible.

What kind of democracy removes informed consent, censors information about ingredients and risks of liability free products, and forces people to use said products against their will? Do you honestly believe segregating thousands of Oregon children and stripping away their legal right to a school education is our best route here? If you're trying to increase public confidence, the last thing you want to do is abandon democratic principles and take an authoritarian approach.

I believe in increasing transparency, access to information, holding authorities accountable and the right to choose. The outcome here will determine what it means to be free in the state of Oregon.

Please vote no.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

OHA'S GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

DTAP

SEVERE ANAPHYLAXIS,
ENCEPHALOPATHY
(ONLY WITHIN 7 DAYS
OF A PREVIOUS DTAP
DOSE)

MMR

SEVERE
ANAPHYLAXIS,
SEVERE
IMMUNODEFICIENCY

HEP B

SEVERE
ANAPHYLAXIS

VARICELLA

SEVERE
ANAPHYLAXIS,
SEVERE
IMMUNODEFICIENCY

SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING VACCINATIONS THAT DO NOT WARRANT A MEDICAL EXEMPTION UNDER HB 3063

ANEMIAS
PLATELET DISORDERS
SPLEEN AND LYMPHATIC DISORDERS
CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS
GRAND MAL SEIZURES
GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME
NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS
DIABETES
CHEMICAL INJURY OR POISONING
PNEUMONIA
MALABSORPTION ISSUES
RESPIRATORY ARREST
CLONIC CONVULSIONS
METABOLIC DISORDERS
THYROID DISORDERS
BACTERIAL INFECTIONS
PETITE MAL SEIZURES
ENCEPHALITIS
TRANSVERSE MYELITIS
SEVERE ECZEMA
WHITE BLOOD CELL DISORDERS
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM INFLAMMATION
VISION LOSS

VACCINE RELATED DEATH OF SIBLING
ATONIC SEIZURES
CEREBRAL ATROPHY
EXTREME RESTLESSNESS
DEPRESSED MOOD DISORDERS
COMPLEX PARTIAL SEIZURES
SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER
UNRESPONSIVE TO STIMULI
RAPID WEIGHT LOSS/LOSS OF APPETITE
HEART FAILURE
GASTROINTESTINAL INFLAMMATORY
CONDITIONS
SPEECH REGRESSION/LOSS OF SPEECH
SEPSIS/SEPSIS SHOCK
ORGAN FAILURE
EXTREME SWELLING
ALLERGIES
HALTED COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT
KAWASAKI DISEASE
GAZE PALSY
ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS
MUSCULAR WEAKNESS
MEMORY IMPAIRMENT
IMMUNE SYSTEM DYSFUNCTION

DURING TESTIMONY, OHA STATED THEY **WILL NOT** GRANT MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS BASED ON FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY, GENETIC MUTATIONS OR ANY PREVIOUS SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS SUFFERED BY A SIBLING.

MMR AND VARICELLA VACCINES ARE ONLY MEDICALLY EXEMPT DURING IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT THERAPIES, LIKE CHEMOTHERAPY - **UNDER HB 3063 A CHILD WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RECIEVE BOTH MMR AND VARICELLA VACCINES EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER TREATMENT, EVEN IF CANCER IS STILL PRESENT.**

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS IN OREGON ARE ONLY .00013% IN ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

OPPOSE HB 3063

MEASLES

What Parents Need to Know



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physiciansforinformedconsent.org/measles



1. WHAT IS MEASLES?

Measles is a self-limiting childhood viral infection.

- Measles symptoms include a prodromal (initial) phase of cough, runny nose, eye irritation and fever, followed by a generalized rash on days 4–10 of the illness.¹
- Measles is contagious during the prodromal phase and for 3–4 days after rash onset.¹
- Most measles cases are benign and not reported to public health departments.²
- Before the measles mass vaccination program was introduced, nearly everyone contracted measles and obtained lifetime immunity by age 15.¹
- In rare situations, measles can cause brain damage and death.^{3,4}

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes measles case-fatality rates based on reported cases. However, nearly 90% of measles cases are benign and not reported to the CDC.² Calculating case-fatality rates based on reported cases (that constitute only 10% of all cases) results in a case-fatality rate that is 10 times higher than what it actually is in the general population. Data analysis herein is based on total measles cases (both reported and unreported).



2. WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In the modern era, it is rare to suffer permanent disability or death from measles in the United States. Between 1900 and 1963, the mortality rate of measles dropped from 13.3 per 100,000 to 0.2 per 100,000 in the population, due to advancements in living conditions, nutrition, and health care—a 98% decline (Fig. 1).^{2,5} Malnutrition, especially vitamin A deficiency, is a primary cause of about 90,000 measles deaths annually in underdeveloped nations.⁶ In the U.S. and other developed countries, 75–92% of hospitalized measles cases are low in vitamin A.^{7,8}

Research studies and national tracking of measles have documented the following:

- 1 in 10,000 or 0.01% of measles cases are fatal.³
- 3 to 3.5 in 10,000 or 0.03–0.035% of measles cases result in seizure.⁹
- 1 in 20,000 or 0.005% of measles cases result in measles encephalitis.⁴
- 1 in 80,000 or 0.00125% of cases result in permanent disability from measles encephalitis.⁴
- 7 in 1,000 or 0.7% of cases are hospitalized.¹⁰
- 6 to 22 in 1,000,000 or 0.0006–0.0022% of cases result in subacute sclerosing pan-encephalitis (SSPE).¹¹

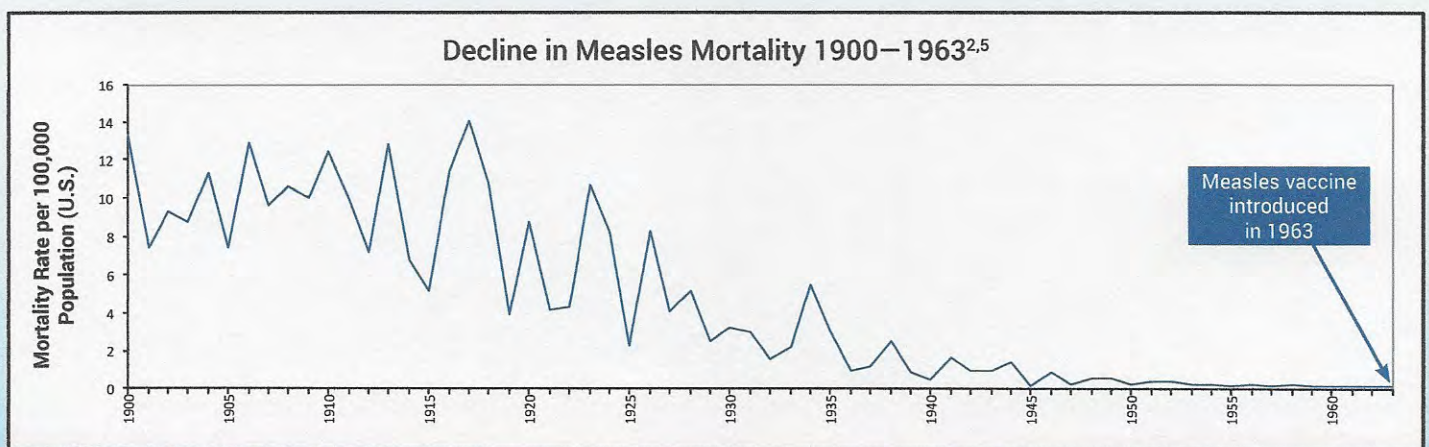


Figure 1: Measles death declined 98% from 1900 to 1963, before the measles vaccine was introduced.



3. WHAT TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEASLES?

Because measles resolves on its own in almost all cases, usually only supportive treatment is necessary. As such, treatment options include the following:

- Rest
- Hydration
- High-dose vitamin A¹²
- Immune globulin (available for immunocompromised patients, such as those on chemotherapy)¹³



Vitamin A

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that serious measles cases be treated with high-dose vitamin A, 50,000–200,000 IU, orally on two consecutive days.¹³



4. ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS FROM GETTING MEASLES?

There are studies that suggest a link between naturally acquired measles infection and a reduced risk of Hodgkin's and non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, as well

as a reduced risk of atopic diseases such as hay fever, eczema and asthma.¹⁴⁻¹⁸ In addition, measles infections are associated with a lower risk of mortality from cardiovascular disease in adulthood.¹⁹ Moreover, infants born to mothers who have had naturally acquired measles are protected from measles via maternal immunity longer than infants born to vaccinated mothers.²⁰



5. WHAT ABOUT THE VACCINE FOR MEASLES?

The measles vaccine was introduced in the U.S. in 1963 and is now only available as a component of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. It has significantly reduced the incidence of measles; however, the vaccine is not capable of preventing all cases of measles, as failures have been reported.²¹ The manufacturer's package insert contains information about vaccine ingredients, adverse reactions, and vaccine evaluations. For example, "M-M-R II vaccine has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or potential to impair fertility."¹¹ Furthermore, the risk of permanent injury and death from the MMR vaccine has not been proven to be less than that of measles (Fig. 2).^{22,23}

Measles Mortality vs. Leading Causes of Death in Children Under Age 10 (per 100,000 Population)²²⁻²⁵

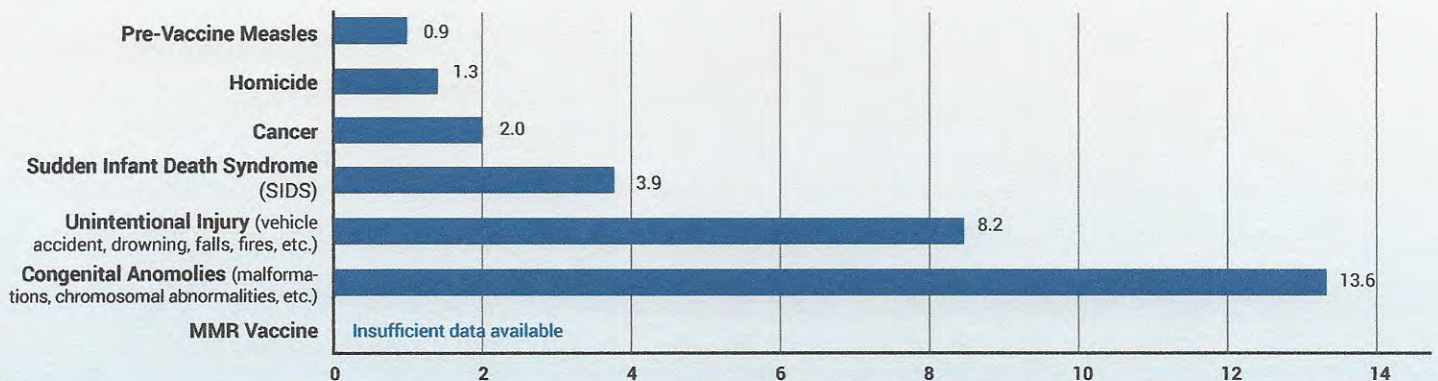


Figure 2: This graph shows the measles death rate before the vaccine was introduced, when measles was a common childhood viral infection, and compares it to the leading causes of death in children under age 10 today. Hence, in the pre-vaccine era, the measles death rate per 100,000 was 0.9 for children under age 10. In 2015, the death rate per 100,000 for homicide was 1.3, followed by cancer (2.0), SIDS (3.9), unintentional injury (8.2), and congenital anomalies (13.6). The rate of death or permanent injury from the MMR vaccine is unknown because the research studies available are not able to measure it with sufficient accuracy.^{22,23}

All references and the Measles Vaccine Risk Statement (VRS) are available at physiciansforinformedconsent.org/measles.

These statements are intended for informational purposes only and should not be construed as personal medical advice.

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