

MMR VACCINE (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)

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Is It Safer Than Measles?



1. WHAT ARE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE MMR VACCINE?

Common side effects of the MMR vaccine include fever, mild rash, and swelling of glands in the cheeks or neck.¹ A more serious side effect is seizure, which occurs in about 1 in 640 children vaccinated with MMR²—about five times more often than seizure from measles infection.³



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that serious allergic reactions to the vaccine occur in about one in a million doses.¹ However, other severe side effects include deafness, long-term seizures, coma, lowered consciousness, permanent brain damage, and death.¹ While the CDC states that these side effects are rare, the precise numbers are unknown.¹ Additionally, the manufacturer's package insert states, "M-M-R II vaccine has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or potential to impair fertility."⁴



2. HOW ARE RISKS OF VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS MEASURED?

Methods to measure vaccine risks include surveillance systems, clinical studies, and epidemiological studies.



3. HOW ACCURATE IS SURVEILLANCE OF ADVERSE EVENTS FROM THE MMR VACCINE?

The government tracks reported cases of vaccine side effects through the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Approximately 40 cases of death and

permanent injury from the MMR vaccine are reported to VAERS annually.⁵ However, VAERS is a passive reporting system—authorities do not actively search for cases and do not actively remind doctors and the public to report cases. These limitations can lead to significant underreporting.⁶ The CDC states, "VAERS receives reports for only a small fraction of actual adverse events."⁷ Indeed, as few as 1% of serious side effects from medical products are reported to passive surveillance systems,⁸ and as few as 1.6% of MMR-related seizures are reported to VAERS.⁹ In addition, VAERS reports are not proof that a side effect occurred, as the system is not designed to thoroughly investigate all cases.¹⁰ As a result, VAERS does not provide an accurate count of MMR vaccine side effects.



4. HOW ACCURATE ARE CLINICAL TRIALS OF THE MMR VACCINE?

The CDC states, "Preliminary trials are relatively small—usually limited to a few thousand subjects—and usually last no longer than a few years. Preliminary trials usually do not have the ability to detect rare adverse events or adverse events with delayed onset."⁶ Since measles is fatal in about 1 in 10,000 cases and results in permanent injury in about 1 in 80,000 cases,³ a few thousand subjects in clinical trials are not enough to prove that the MMR vaccine causes less death and permanent injury than measles (Fig. 1). In addition, the lack of adequate clinical trials of the MMR vaccine resulted in the manufacturer's package insert data to be reliant on passive surveillance for rates of MMR-related neurological adverse reactions, permanent disability, and death.⁴

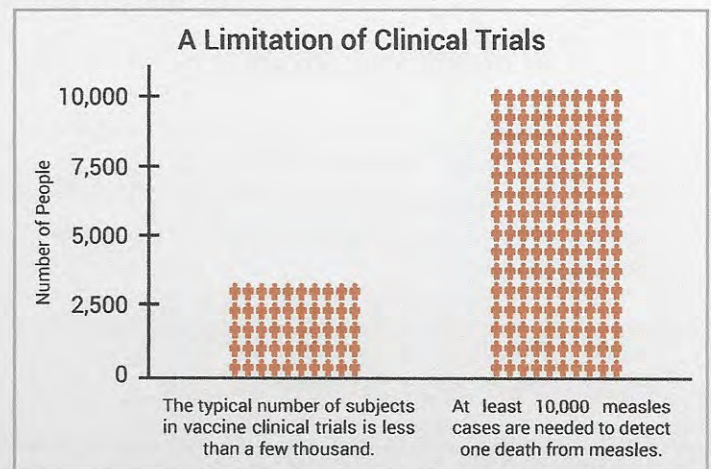


Figure 1: There are not enough subjects in clinical trials to prove that the MMR vaccine poses less risk than measles.



5. HOW ACCURATE ARE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF THE MMR VACCINE?

Epidemiological studies are hindered by the effects of chance and possible confounders—additional factors that could conceivably affect the groups being studied. For example, there is a well-known 2002 Danish study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* involving about 537,000 children that looked for an association between the MMR vaccine and certain adverse events.¹¹ The raw data in the study was adjusted, in an attempt to account for potential confounders, and the study found no association between the MMR vaccine and the adverse events. However, because there is no evidence that the estimated confounders used to adjust the raw data were actually confounders, the study did not rule out the possibility that the MMR vaccine increases the risk of an adverse event that leads to permanent injury by up to 77%. Consequently, the study did not rule out the possibility that such adverse events might occur up to four times more often than death from measles: 1 in 2,400 compared to 1 in 10,000 (Fig. 2 and Table 1). The range of possibilities found in the study, between the adjusted data and the raw data, makes the result inconclusive; even large epidemiological studies are not

accurate enough to prove that the MMR vaccine causes less death or permanent injury than measles.



6. IS THE MMR VACCINE SAFER THAN MEASLES?

It has not been proven that the MMR vaccine is safer than measles. The vaccine package insert raises questions about safety testing for cancer, genetic mutations, and impaired fertility. Although VAERS tracks some adverse events, it is too inaccurate to measure against the risk of measles. Clinical trials do not have the ability to detect less common adverse reactions, and epidemiological studies are limited by the effects of chance and possible confounders. Safety studies of the MMR vaccine are particularly lacking in statistical power. A review of more than 60 MMR vaccine studies conducted for the Cochrane Library states, “The design and reporting of safety outcomes in MMR vaccine studies, both pre- and post-marketing, are largely inadequate.”¹² Because permanent sequelae (aftereffects) from measles, especially in individuals with normal levels of vitamin A, are so rare,³ the level of accuracy of the research studies available is insufficient to prove that the vaccine causes less death or permanent injury than measles.

Potential Risk of Permanent Injury from the MMR Vaccine vs. Risk of Death from Measles in the U.S.

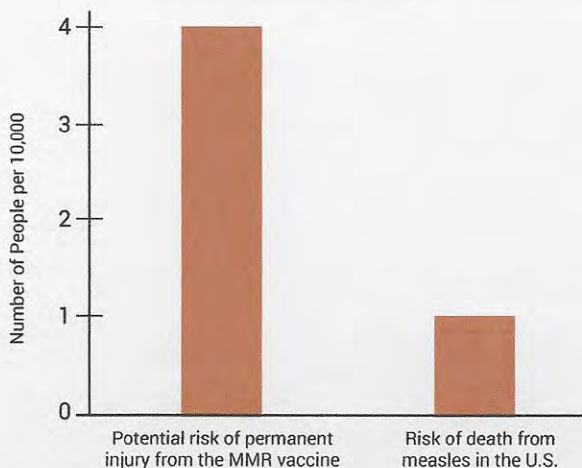


Figure 2: A 2002 Danish study did not rule out the possibility that the MMR vaccine can cause an adverse event leading to permanent injury four times more often than measles can be fatal.



Table 1: Statistical Analysis of an Epidemiological Study with Over Half a Million Children

RR = Relative risk
 $(\text{risk in group vaccinated with MMR}) \div (\text{risk in group not vaccinated with MMR})$
 CI = Confidence interval
 (possible range of RR due to effects of chance)

Adjusted RR reported in study
 = 0.92 (95% CI, 0.68 to 1.24)

Unaltered RR recorded in study
 $(263/1,647,504) \div (53/482,360)$
 = 1.45 (95% CI, 1.21 to 1.77)

Potential RR = 1.77
 (potential 77% greater risk than unvaccinated group risk)

Unvaccinated group risk recorded in study
 = 53 in 97,000

77% of 53 in 97,000
 = 1 in 2,400 additional risk in group vaccinated with MMR

All references and the Measles Disease Information Statement (DIS) are available at physiciansforinformedconsent.org/measles.

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From: [Ginger Morrissey](#)
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Subject: Freedom to Decide
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 2:59:42 PM

Joint Committee on ways and means:

Vaccines have not been proven safe and, in some cases, lead to permanent disabilities and/or fatal diseases. A government that is “by the people and for the people” would not make any kind of law violating our rights to refuse injections. Citizens of Oregon should be able to make their own decision as to whether or not they and their children should be vaccinated. Please consider the following.

To begin with, infectious diseases had declined by nearly 90% before the vaccine schedule was ever introduced. (www.learntherisk.org/vaccines/) Public health measures, clean water systems and improved sanitation were the most influential factors leading to this decrease. In fact, some of the most prevalent diseases in the early 1900s — including Tuberculosis (TB), Scarlet Fever and Typhoid — followed the same declines without ever having a vaccine program (in the US). These diseases were nearly eradicated in the U.S. without the population ever having been vaccinated for them.

Secondly, vaccines “wear off.” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_a74DvnbMg) The percent of pertussis-vaccinated adolescents who still have antibodies one-year post-vaccination is 73% and after 2 to 4 years, 34%. (<https://drtenpenny.com/2015/05/05/pertussis-vaccines-a-dangerous-failure/>) Seventy-five percent of the adolescents in the recent Washington state pertussis outbreak were fully vaccinated. We will never achieve “herd immunity” even with a 100% vaccination rate. The only people who are immune to a disease are those who actually contract the disease naturally. Shockingly, persons vaccinated with DTaP can be a-symptomatic carriers of pertussis. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_a74DvnbMg)

Third, vaccines contain harmful toxins such as mercury, formaldehyde, antifreeze, aluminum, MSG, detergents, GMOs, Latex and many others. (www.drgreenmom.com/vaccines/vaccine-ingredients) These toxins are known to cause brain damage and are linked to SIDS, dementia, seizures, leukemia, diabetes, autoimmune disease, allergies and infertility. (www.learntherisk.org) The number of reported adverse reactions to vaccines since 1990 is 350,000, but only 1%-10% are reported. (<http://thinktwice.com/secret.htm>)

Furthermore, if the entire vaccine schedule is mandated, the entire population is forced to be injected with questionable substances, and there is no way of seeking repercussions if damage is done since the vaccine companies are protected from liability. Furthermore, the schedule is bound to increase as the vaccine manufacturers develop more vaccines. Where will it stop? There are still thousands of other infectious diseases out there.

(<https://www.learntherisk.org/diseases-we-are-not-vaccinated-against/>) Hungry for money, vaccine manufacturers have no incentives for making safe and effective vaccines so long as their product is pushed by the government and they are protected from retribution.

We should not forcibly harm any one group of people to ostensibly protect another group. Forced vaccination is in direct opposition to the Informed Consent laws in Oregon. We should all be free to choose what we allow into our children's bodies. The government of Oregon is duty-bound to protect our freedom of choice.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morrissey

McMinnville, Oregon

From: [rebecca.meyer](#)
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Subject: Education Concerns
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:00:31 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Rebecca Meyer, and I want to pose a few questions that have been keeping my husband and myself up at night regarding our children's future. Sleep has been a scarcity in my household since we found out about the proposed HB 3063. My son is vaccine injured, we lost him to a state of encephalopathy after a well-baby visit during which, per the CDC schedule, he received 6 vaccinations. He does not qualify for a medical exemption. We have two doctors who take great care of our boy and recommend he does not receive *some* vaccinations. He has a younger brother, who per our doctors' opinions and the vaccine manufacturers' reports, is high risk due to family history of autoimmune disease and his brother's reaction. We would be negligent parents to vaccinate against our doctors' opinions. As a result, here are my questions:

First, where is the emergency? We had five cases of measles this year. Each case of measles, including the Washington cases, were linked to travel. There were no cases of community-acquired measles. There were ZERO schools listed as exposure sites. I'm having a hard time connecting the dots. How are my partially-vaccinated kids harming anyone by attending school? If there is a true emergency, the law will already keep them home from school during an outbreak. We have a system in place. Five cases doesn't seem to justify this over-reach of the government. And frankly I don't see a correlation between the measles outbreak and schools. When I hear the opposition speak, it is hypothetical, what *could* happen. This is very drastic step to take with no concrete emergency.

Secondly, how will the 31,500 affected children receive an education should this bill pass? There is not enough room for everyone in our online school systems currently. Do we have the financial ability to make the necessary changes? What will parents do with children at home during the day? One parent will have to stop working to homeschool or supervise children at home. Hopefully children will be supervised! Desperate families may have to leave children at home to take charge of their own online schooling while parents work to make ends meet. What will become of youth left home alone all day with no education support? Is anyone checking up on them? Might this affect our foster system? Is that system prepared to handle this scenario? How will this affect mental health? Youth crime rates?

Unfortunately, Oregon is not an affordable state to allow for *one* working parent. Should HB 3063 pass, my husband and I will be forced to take our talents to another state. Families who stay may qualify for government assistance for the first time. Is Oregon prepared for increased needs in programs like WIC, SNAP, and OHP? Furthermore, it is unclear how this bill will be policed. Will there be vaccine checks for young fans at high school basketball games? Can my kids still go to the school park with their friends? Can we still attend our church that has a school attached? Who will monitor this? Is there room for this in the budget? There are so many practical financial questions to be answered.

My family's health is the most valuable thing we have. We can't be productive Oregonians without it. Should HB 3063 pass, my family will be forced out of Oregon. I don't know any family with a vaccine injured child who will vaccinate if HB 3063 passes. I don't know a family with strong religious convictions who will reconsider if HB 3063 passes. I know a lot of Oregon families in both categories. In fact, I know families prepared to sue the state over the issue of religious freedom. This bill is grossly unconstitutional. It will not change anyone's minds. It only has the power to cause financial damage and administrative chaos. And to discriminate against my preschool-loving, vaccine-injured boy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Meyer, Damascus OR

From: [Kathy Wiseman](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:17:27 PM

Dear Ways and Means Commission,

My name is Kathy Wiseman, I live in Gladstone Oregon. Please accept this as written testimony to support House Bill 2337. This house bill will provide foster parents with an ombudsman, who is separate from the Department of Human Services.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns for foster parents. I have been a foster parent for over 3 years. I can frankly tell you it was one of the most horrible experiences of my adult life. At this time I could not recommend to anyone to venture down this path or engage in this journey. It is not the children that are difficult, but it is it with the interaction of the Department of Human Services, and specifically child welfare. Having an ombudsman, would be a small step in the right direction, of supporting foster parents in the amazing work that they do.

Without foster parents, you simply do not have a child welfare system. Foster parents are degraded, threatened, and provided little to no support. It is a confusing system and when foster parents try to advocate for the children in their care, they are often shut down and ignored.

My personal experience has been devastating not only to me, but to our entire family. Foster parents are afraid that if they make any waves, or advocate strongly for the children in their, care that the case worker will then take the children and move them to another location. It is still happening as of today. Foster parents cannot live through this kind of turmoil and neither can the children that are in our care. They have been through enough already.

With an ombudsman who will understand the system, be able to give support and at least a listening ear to foster parents, it may be able to bridge the gap that we are currently experiencing. Without better support of your foster care families you will continue to shed the very needed home-like settings that our Oregon children so desperately need.

Part of what it means to be a foster parent, is to be a caring loving adult in a child's life. The child who has suffered trauma and neglect. We deal with children with severe behavior problems, emotional problems, mental health problems and often severe physical problems. When we advocate for them it is because we care about them. We know these children better than anyone. We are with them 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We need to be listened to and part of a care team. Our goal as foster parents, is what is in the best interest of children. Especially children that have been so severely harmed, and that has brought them to our care. You cannot expect us to care about children, and then turn a blind eye to their extreme suffering. We need an ombudsman for that type of support. We are not being listened to by child welfare, and therefore this Ombudsman position would help build some communication line.

I again implore you to please consider supporting an ombudsman that would be specifically a support staff to foster parents. It is critical that they not be housed with the Department of Human Services.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android device

Dear Members of the Oregon Joint Committee of Ways & Means:

I am writing to formally state my opposition to HB 3063; the bill to remove religious and philosophical exemptions to vaccines in order for children to attend school. I ask that you consider all of the fiscal ramifications that the state of Oregon would face as a result of passage of HB 3063.

My child has a diagnosed autoimmune disorder. There is much talk about this bill being considered in order to protect the immunocompromised. Immunocompromised is defined as "having an impaired or weakened immune system". By definition, my child's autoimmune disorder and all other autoimmune diseases are a "dysfunction of the immune system". In other words, those with autoimmune diseases are immunocompromised. It appears, however, that my child would NOT BE ELIGIBLE for a medical exemption from vaccines in the state of Oregon based upon the verbiage from the Oregon Health Authority in regards to medical exemptions. Passage of this bill WOULD NOT PROTECT IMMUNOCOMPROMISED children and it would not protect my child. Her doctors have told us that she should not be further vaccinated as it could exacerbate her condition. Passage of this bill, would require us to further vaccinate our child (if we want her to continue attending school; which we do) based upon the government's "recommendation" versus that of licensed physicians. This is a truly scary concept in a country that was built on freedom and personal rights.

If HB 3063 were to pass and my child were to be excluded from the basic right to a proper education in a school setting, we would leave Oregon and take with us our income tax and property tax dollars.

It is written in the analysis of HB 3063 it clearly states that there would be no revenue impact. I beg to differ. Please consider the following:

- Loss of state income tax and property tax revenues as a result of families leaving Oregon (with 31,000 current vaccine exemptions this dollar amount could be quite high)
- Loss of jobs/loss of income tax revenues for the state as a result of business owners relocating out of state
- Loss of employment as parents leave the workforce in order to stay home with their children resulting in loss of income tax revenues
- Loss of federal funding for Oregon schools
- Loss of jobs within the school districts with reduced enrollment resulting in loss of income tax revenues

Please vote against HB 3063. Thank you for your consideration.

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Begin forwarded message:

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To: Sen.BetsyJohnson@oregonlegislature.gov
Subject: HB 3063

Dear Ms Johnson:

I'm not exactly sure where you stand on the above referenced bill, but I hope you and your constituents will study all angles before making a rash decision.

I understand that there are compromised people out there, and I feel for them; but of these 70 plus cases of measles, can you tell me if any of them have had serious complications? To me, 70 cases do not constitute a crisis, considering there are at least 325 million people in the United States.

My kids, growing up in the 70's, did have about six vaccinations; now my little grandchildren are expected to have 32 or so by the age of six. Parents should have a choice on the schedule of shots and have them done at a delayed pace.

While a vaccination might be fine for most people, it might do irreparable damage to others. Big pharma is really pushing their stance! Hmm, I bet some big money is made on every shot. The way I understand this bill, unvaccinated children will not be able to attend schools or participate in extracurricular activities. This is sounding a lot like nazi Germany. Will these children need to wear a "star" everywhere they go?

Please don't let government dictate our lives to such an extent. Thank you for letting me share my views, and please give some great thought before voting on this bill.

Judy Ayres Hammack
Redmond, Oregon native

PS: please see attached image




MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

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**SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING VACCINATIONS THAT
DO NOT WARRANT A MEDICAL EXEMPTION UNDER HB 3063**

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MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS IN OREGON ARE ONLY .00013% IN ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

OPPOSE HB3063

Brittany Sierra
41 MINUTES AGO

Sent from my iPhone

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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March 21, 2019

Re: Public Testimony for HB 2729

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to ask that you support HB 2729 to provide \$10M in funding for the Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program.

Oregon's history and economy is deeply rooted in our productive agricultural land. This land produces food, timber, beer, wine, and livestock; moreover, Oregon's working landscape of private farms, ranches, and forests provides a wide array of public benefit to all Oregonians. Examples include habitat for Oregon's fish and wildlife, local jobs, and an agricultural business sector that contributes to the economic vitality of Oregon's rural communities. The future of this working land is in jeopardy as we continue to see population growth, land ownership fragmentation and development, and the challenges of succession planning from one generation to the next.

Passing HB 2729 will fund the necessary, voluntary, and proven tools to support the future success of our working agricultural lands. It will provide a multi-tool approach to address the needs of working agricultural lands, including: (1) funding for written conservation management plans; (2) succession planning to reduce or remove the successful transfer of lands from one generation to the next, (3) easements and covenants designed to recognize the value of sustaining the land for agricultural or ranch use, and (4) technical assistance for organizations that will hold these easements or covenants for our working land owners.

I have been an elected director of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) for over a dozen years, and currently serve as the Board Chair. I also serve as Vice-President of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. I know how difficult it is for our working land owners to continue their work while facing the challenges of our growing population and land fragmentation. The Oregon Agriculture Heritage Program is the result of years of collaboration and strategic thought on how to leverage federal dollars, support land owners, and protect Oregon's highest quality working landscapes. I urge you to pass HB 2729 and fund OAHP at \$10 million for the next biennium

Thank you,



Terri Preeg Riggsby,
Chair and Zone 5 Director, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
Vice-President, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts



Unite Oregon Urges Ways and Means Committee to Pass HB 2508-A

Co-Chairs and Members of the Ways and Means Committee, thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is Kayse Jama, and I serve as Executive Director of Unite Oregon, a statewide organization led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty working to build a unified intercultural movement for justice. I'm here today to urge this Committee to pass HB 2508-A, also known as the Refugee Welcoming Bill.

In brief, HB 2508-A would provide grants through the Department of Human Services to refugee resettlement agencies, to provide up to 2 years of specific employment and social supports for refugees, ranging from interpretation and translation services to assistance navigating public transit. These services are critical to the success and integration of new refugees into our communities, and they deserve our support. HB 2508-A is nothing more than an investment in refugee communities which those communities will repay over time.

Oregon is no stranger to providing this kind of direct financial support to refugees. The TANF Refugee Benefits Program, also administered by DHS, provides direct assistance to refugees to help them find and retain jobs. That program is a model for what we expect from social services: the vast majority of all refugees who receive these benefits are so successful as a result that they can leave the program before they've used the full 2 years of support.

Let's look at the big picture: our communities benefit when we accept refugees. For one, refugee communities bring diversity and resiliency to the United States. And refugees have an enormous positive economic impact on our national and local economies. **According to the New American Economy (NAE), the United States was home to 180,000 refugee entrepreneurs in 2015, who collectively generated over \$4.5 billion in business income.** In that same year, the 2.3 million refugees in NAE's analysis earned a staggering \$77.2 billion in household income, \$56 billion of which was disposable income.

Refugees also contribute to government revenues in a major way. According to a study by the US Department of Health and Human Services, refugees in the United States made a net contribution of \$63 billion in government revenue over the last decade. I want to underline that this is the NET contribution after you deduct the cost of services provided to refugees. That's why I call HB 2508-A an investment: over time, our support for refugees is repaid in full - and then some.

We cannot ignore the national context to this issue. At a time when over 25 million people are living as refugees worldwide, the Trump Administration has drastically cut refugee admissions to the United States to some of the lowest levels in modern history. Refugees are waiting in dangerous, unsafe conditions, separated from their families, wondering if they will ever see

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their loved ones again. Services for refugees have been cut drastically at the federal level, leaving many new arrivals without any support as they attempt to navigate life in the United States. As the federal government turns its back on people fleeing persecution, Oregon must step up as a leader.

For as long as this country has accepted refugees and asylum-seekers, Oregon has been a port of first call for those fleeing persecution. Like Lady Liberty's flame, we have been a beacon to the "tired, the poor, and the huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Today, I ask you to live up to that history and to honor those values. Let's continue to be a light in the darkness for families fleeing war, famine, and disease across the world. Let's show the entire world that Oregon will not give in to division or xenophobia. Let's pass HB 2508-A.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

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March 21, 2019

Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Co-Chair
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Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways & Means
900 Court Street NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Public Testimony for SB 445

Dear Co-Co Chairs Johnson and Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield and Members of the Joint Committee:

We are writing to provide support for Senate Bill (SB) 445 relating to the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC). With the addition of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department as an *ex officio* member of the OISC, passage of SB 445 leads to more effective coordination among state natural resource agencies. Further, SB 445's expansion of the voting membership on the OISC to include balanced, geographical representation better connects the Council to more regional and localized invasive species concerns. Most importantly, SB 445's General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the OISC is essential to the function of the Council. This amount of funding for education, early detection and rapid response and management and control of unwanted invaders represents just a mere fraction of the billions in potential social, economic and ecological losses to Oregon should establishment occur. Ideally, we would like to see that amount doubled or tripled.

The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District is a public service district dedicated to the conservation of soil and water resources for people, wildlife and the environment. Our service territory is that portion of Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, all of Sauvie Island including the Columbia County portion of the Island and a portion of Washington County that lies within an area in the north Tualatin Mountains known as Bonny Slope. One of our priority conservation goals is the prevention, early detection-rapid response, and management and control of invasive species. By definition, invasive species are those introduced plants, animals, pathogens, insects, and aquatic organisms that spread rapidly due to a lack of biological controls and such spread leads to ecological, economic and social harm to people and the environment. We work closely with agriculture, range, and forest landowners and have witnessed the benefits of the impactful work supported by the Oregon Invasive Species Council, including both gypsy moth and Japanese beetle eradication projects in and around Portland.

Invasive weeds, pathogens and insects are one of the top threats to our valued natural resources in Oregon. The OISC is the only state entity tasked with developing, coordinating and implementing invasive species planning and response efforts across Oregon. Since its creation in 2001, the OISC remains underfunded – which puts Oregon at grave risk of an unwanted introduction of an invasive species such as the emerald ash borer or quagga mussel – two examples that if allowed to become established would create huge impacts to Oregon’s economy, ecology and recreational opportunity.

Examples of the Council’s work includes the following. The Council developed the *Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species (2017-2027)* and the *Oregon Statewide Action Plan for Invasive Species (2017-2019)* to strategize: 1) Prevention, 2) Early Detection-Rapid Response, 3) Control & Management, 4) Education & Outreach, and 5) Coordination & Leadership invasive species efforts across the State. Oregon is under constant pressure of newly introduced invasive species, with numerous pathways identified in these statewide plans, including industrial shipping, rail movement, air travel, truck transport, and people. Whether its gypsy moth arriving from Asia on imported steel, Japanese beetle hitching a ride on outdoor furniture from an out-of-state mover, quagga and zebra mussels coming in on contaminated boats, or contaminated out-of-state firewood being brought to a new resident’s first visit to an Oregon State Park, Oregon is under constant threat of new invaders that would devastate Oregon should they become established.

In summary, imagine Oregon without conifer trees due to constant gypsy moth defoliation; collapsed vineyard, nursery and orchard industries due to insatiable Japanese beetle appetites; and waterbodies and irrigation canals choked and clogged with quagga, zebra mussels or invasive aquatic weeds. Besides these direct losses, imagine the indirect economic loss arising from restricted markets and curtailment of out of state export opportunities for Oregon products due to quarantines on affected industries. So, the very nature and economic backbones of Oregon are at risk. Passage of SB 445 strengthens the OISC as Oregon’s champion dedicated to preventing and controlling these type of nightmares for Oregon. As such, we implore the Senate Committee to give SB 445 a “Do Pass” recommendation to help protect the character, ecology and economic livelihood of Oregon.

Sincerely,



Terri Preeg Riggsby,
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West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

cc: Helmuth Rogg, Chair, Oregon Invasive Species Council
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors

From: [Scout Lappe](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:35:04 PM

Dear Committee Members,

I write to you today to implore you to VOTE NO on House Bill 3063. I do not fall on either side of vaccine debate, but HB 3063 is an obvious abuse of government power. I am the parent of six young children, a military veteran, a small business owner, and an Oregon Citizen. HB 3063 would utterly violate personal freedom, the rights of parents, and informed consent. This debate is too highly politicized and polarized to be handled objectively in our current climate, and revoking access to education for unvaccinated children will only further perpetuate the debate, incur fiscal repercussions for the state of Oregon, and deny families their inherent freedom without solving the current emergency.

As an American veteran and an Oregon citizen I beg you to protect the right to make choices about my child's healthcare without the threat of losing access to their education. Any representative that would vote to take the rights away from parents is voting to segregate communities and refuse education to young Oregonians.

Please, please, VOTE NO.

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Good Afternoon Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2508.

My name is Kelsey LeBrun Keswani, I've been working for federally-contracted humanitarian programs for nearly 20 years, including refugee resettlement and unaccompanied children's programs.

We are coming to the state for the first time to support refugee resettlement, because if we don't do something, we will look back at 2019 as the year Oregon stopped resettling refugees. The way resettlement works, is once the United Nations has determined overseas that someone is eligible for refugee status, and they are vetted and accepted by the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security, they are then placed with one of 9 national resettlement agencies, who have local sites spread across the US. Here in Oregon, we have 3 of these resettlement agencies who have resettled more than 70,000 refugees. These programs are funded on a per capita basis, meaning they only are reimbursed after someone arrives, and because the current federal policies ~~administration~~ have cut the refugee admissions from 110,000 in 2016, to 30,000 this year, ~~most of the refugee programs~~ many vital services for recently arrived refugees will not survive. In fact, more than 100 programs across the US have closed. This is devastating as refugee resettlement has historically been one of our country's proudest humanitarian systems, and has always had bipartisan support. Refugees bring richness and diversity to our state, and boost our economy by owning more small businesses and having higher home ownership rates than all other US populations.

This bill is both a stop-gap to ~~preserve~~ maintain resettlement services in the state of Oregon, and will improve the existing program through extended case management services for refugees. It is modeled after a nearly identical bill and program in Utah passed in the late 2000's, which New York, this year, has also adopted, and which research has indicated saves states money long-term by removing dependency from public benefits, improving coordinated care access and facilitating refugee employment rates.

We hope you support this bill so we can look back at 2019 as the year we not only continued to welcome refugees into Oregon, but as the year we became national leaders by standing up for them. And - as our Chief Sponsor Representative Carla Piluso says - "it's the right thing to do."

My name is Lul Abdulle. I came USA as a refugee. Now I'm one of Citizens in this country. I had a hard time to come to this line of life from leaving my country to transitioning into host countries until I reached my final destination in USA.

Upon my arrival in USA, I received a warm welcome but lasted only two months because I got a job within two months. After that I did struggle a lot but I'm proud of the mainstream support I did receive it once I asked or looked for it and I was and I'm lucky because I came here (USA) speaking English, reading and writing. But still I feel I did struggle it.

My first job I did got injured at work, my employer sent me a doctor but I never knew my rights to seek further assistance. I lost benefits toward my care and rights to seek it. Because the program that was assisting refugee was determined only toward self-sufficiency and once a refugee starts working that goal is reached no matter how long the refugee stayed in USA and what he/she knows about this system.

Since 1995 till today, I suffer the pain from my work injury and only myself, my family and my friends in the refugee community know my pain and the rights I lost even though I was speaking English at that time till today.

My understanding English is a language not knowledge. To seek help, assistance, support, your rights, the person needs someone to guide and teach and show the right way without getting into trouble. We refugees come from a long way of struggle, war, starvation, rape, disease, malnutrition, looting, blaming, loss of loved ones, etc.; still we never went back, we were in our host countries with hope of coming to this GREAT Country and we thought we will get care and guidance. We still have hope among you and your system. We need your protection to make us forget the pain we went through.

We appreciate your welcome to refugees into your land and we do not want get in trouble or cause trouble to you and to your system, because we came from trouble lands and we do not want cause this land any trouble, we try our best to prevent it not to happen (trouble) but alone we can't do it, and it is not enough 8-month period to become self-sufficiency in a foreign land where we know nothing and the something we know is not enough. We need more time for Case Management Services toward the self-sufficiency goal.

We need to get support and approve this 2-year support for Case Management in order to protect many refugee families and guide them well especially this time where refugees & immigrants become target and we as refugees do not know how to protect, prevent and seek further support. We always run to our Case Management Services but our cases been closed long ago, we have no other way to run.

Our children could do and perform well in to their education, when they know their family (father & mom) have support or where to go when they have daily life related questions, fear, etc. Many of our refugee families are single moms with more than 4-kids, the culture we come from we never went out as women, here we have to do everything and we do not know what to do or where to start, we do not have guidance to meet our needs, we do not know who could assist as well, better Case Management up to two years will make a lot of difference in our refugee life. We promise that we will do better.

From: [Darling, Chad](#)
To: [Chad Darling](#)
Subject: HB3063 Information
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:45:45 PM

Please **OPPOSE HB3063** for both Financial, Logical, and Personal reasons.

The vast majority of parents who do not fully vaccinate are doing it for a reason, the predominant reason being our children have been injured by vaccinations. Passing a bill requiring vaccinations will NOT cause parents to ignore their reason and their fundamental purpose, to protect our children. We will pull our children out of school, we will leave, we will not sit idly by and let our children be continually injured by vaccinations.

Financial

1. This bill would affect over **31,500 children**.
 1. At a rate of \$13,320, that is a loss of over **\$419 Million dollars** for our schools. Public and Private schools will close, teachers will be laid off, and this is just the beginning.
2. At 1.9 children per family, that is over **16,500 families** affected.
 1. These families will **leave the state** and like me, bring their high paying job with them.
 2. If they choose to stay, one of the parents will have to **leave their high paying job** to home school their kids
 3. If they choose to stay, they will no longer be able to use child care. Causing **child care facilities to close**
 4. They will no longer be allowed to go to church as most of the churches also have childcare centers. This will reduce tithe and force **churches to shutdown**.
 5. Those who choose not to vaccinate are typically highly educated individuals and have higher paying jobs. When they are forced to give this up, they will have less money/need to spend on childcare, restaurants, shopping, and anything outside of the necessities. **This bill will hurt all Oregonians.**
3. More reasons
 1. I have 7 children, 3 of which are foster children. Families like mine, who foster, will no longer be able to as we leave the state. **Putting further burden on the state.**
 2. Those who do not have high paying jobs and having one parent stay home to home school, will qualify them for government assistance. **Putting further burden on the state.**

Logical

1. **What we are doing now is working.** Our vaccination rates are strong (95.8%). When a breakout happened in Washington, it did not cause a breakout in Oregon.
2. **We already have exclusion laws** in place if an outbreak was ever to occur that would protect the immunocompromised.

Personal

1. The reason I am an Ex-Vaxxer, is because my **oldest was injured by vaccinations**. My

wife and I set out to be the best parents possible, limiting screen time and ensuring he didn't miss any medical checkups and vaccinations, staying on the CDC schedule. It worked for me and my wife, why not my son? When we started noticing his reactions and subsequent injuries to vaccinations, we then did our research into the risks of this medicine since the medical professionals said there were none. We were dumbfounded by all the scientific articles calling the safety of vaccinations into question and the resounding absence of a study on the current schedule (which was around 69 doses at the time, my parents received 5, and I received 24 – for perspective). Knowing that over \$4 billion dollars have been paid out for vaccine injuries and death, with it being estimated that less than 1% of adverse reactions are reported, makes me further uncomfortable with the safety of this medication. There is so much more, from vaccine manufacture's ability to not be sued, to congress admitting that vaccines are unsafe.

This is not my story, but one I resonated with (bit.ly/2H1tDhu)

2. Please read the following article by Association of American Physicians and Surgeons to hear a **physician's standpoint on mandatory vaccinations** (<http://bit.ly/2HKFqRH>)

Thank you,

Chad Darling

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From: [Erin Ergenbright](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: From Portland: in opposition to HB 3603
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:54:28 PM

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter about the financial considerations of removing philosophical and religious vaccine exemptions in Oregon.

The financial impact this bill would have on me as a single mother, and an adjunct college professor, is enormous. I literally don't know what I would do. I'm scheduled to teach the next three terms, but I would have to quit my job, and I would lose my insurance. My daughter would lose her incredible preschool community. (And I should mention that she's had most of her shots, just on a different schedule, a schedule designed by her doctor.) I would have to apply for public assistance--OHP, WIC, and SNAP. I am far from the only one, as many households go from two earners to one. How would the state pay for this huge surge in need?

Though this bill seems straightforward, it has many unintended consequences, not least of which is financial for parents, schools, and the state. About 35,000 students would be expelled from public schools and daycares. That's an estimated \$188 million in revenue to public schools. This loss in revenue would result teacher layoffs, would it not? And what about the sudden loss of revenue to private preschools?

And I'm certainly concerned about the mental health implications to those who have been segregated. Every day new research shows how important community and connection are to the brain, and that it translates to educational success. How will the increased cost of mental health services be addressed?

According to the CDC, Oregon has a vaccination rate of 94-95% of the seven mandatory vaccines. We have had *two* cases of measles. Like Trump's desire for a border wall, this seems like a manufactured emergency. But as this bill is being listed as an emergency, it would go into effect immediately, leaving so many people scrambling. How will the state manage this without taking the time to really review the many costs and complications?

Please, please do not be hasty when making this decision. The current situation does not warrant such a drastic response, and it seems like an extremely costly overreach in so many ways.

Is it necessary? Is it worth it?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Erin Ergenbright

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From: [Sara Wood](#)
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Subject: Please vote NO on 3063 from Tigard, OR
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 5:08:07 PM

Representatives on the Ways and Means committee,

I understand that you will be making a decision this week regarding bill 3063 removing the non-medical exemption for vaccines in Oregon. I am the mother of two small children, ages 3 and 6. Both have had the majority of the required vaccines for their ages, and I understand the implications of vaccination exemption on public health however I STRONGLY urge you to vote no on this bill and to continue to allow parents to treat each child individually as well as each vaccination separately.

I don't believe a one-size-fits-all approach to be applicable in most medical situations. Every child has their own set of risk factors to consider including their daily environment, odds of exposure, personal and family medical history etc. Additionally, each disease that we vaccinate for has a different profile regarding it's rate of transmission, overall prevalence, and severity of consequence in the event of infection. For these reasons, each vaccine for each child should remain an individual decision.

Requiring 31 vaccinations as a reaction to a small outbreak of a single disease is like killing a fly in your kitchen with a shotgun. There has got to be a better way. Increased education requirements for exemption perhaps? A separate bill for each vaccine where we could debate the pros and cons of that disease with the potential risks of the vaccine?

Before you make this very important decision to remove the basic freedom to have control over what we put in the bodies of our children, please reflect on what that means. I don't believe it is the role of the state to mandate the individual consumption of any substance. If we work together we can find a better way to prevent future outbreaks of preventable diseases such as the measles without sacrificing our individual right to our own bodies.

Thank you,

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Sara Wood
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3/21/2019

Oregon Senators of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to you as a parent, a physician, and as an Oregon constituent. I am very concerned about HB 3063. This bill states that there is a state of health emergency in Oregon. I direct a clinic in Portland, Oregon that employs almost 20 persons and delivers care at almost 10,000 patient visits annually. In existence for over 20 years we serve a significant role in delivering health care to our patients. So, I took it upon myself to review the data of a state bill declaring a public health emergency. If there is an emergency our clinic would need to be prepared.

Supporters of the bill claim that non-medical exemption rates for vaccines in the state are at 7.5% and that an emergency therefore exists. However, when I looked into the statistics the 7.5% number is for kindergarten students only. For all children, K-12, the number is 5.2%. That is a 2.3% difference - which is to say that the inflated rate being promoted is actually almost 50% more than the actual rate. Even if 7.5% were accurate that would still leave vaccination rates at 92.5% which is in the range for herd immunity.

If parents opted out of any single vaccine for their children they are counted in the exempt group of 5.2%. However, if we take apart the actual total rate of 5.2%, half of those students – 2.6%- are selectively vaccinating. In many cases they have already received most of the required vaccines. Meaning that we have almost 97% coverage under current laws.

It is important to look at each of the individual vaccine uptake rates for the different diseases and compare them to the scientifically determined Herd Immunity Threshold to see just how successfully Oregon students exceed the scientifically determined Herd Immunity Thresholds. Herd Immunity is an important level to protect those who cannot be vaccinated if they are too young or immunocompromised.

Dr. Hillary Andrews, a former member of the Immunization Policy Advisory Team under the Oregon Health Authority, compared individual Herd Immunity thresholds:

For diphtheria, Oregon students K-12 exceed thresholds by 10.3%, for measles by 2.9-3.7%, for mumps by 10.7%, for rubella by 11.7%, for pertussis by 1.3%, for polio by 9.9%. Hepatitis A, hepatitis B and tetanus do not have herd immunity threshold because having the infection does not put another person at risk who may be in contact with them unless they engage in high-risk behaviors with them or are exposed to blood or body fluids. Therefore, we surpass that zero herd-immunity threshold for hepatitis A by 94.7%, for hepatitis B by 96% and for tetanus by 95.3%. *Thankfully we meet and exceed Herd Immunity levels for all vaccines that this bill would influence.*

The Bill declares a state of emergency. The state data do not support a position of emergency. The bill does not offer additional protection to the immunocompromised by improving herd immunity as that threshold is already met making this bill unnecessary.

It has been over 45 years since the landmark Roe v Wade decision that determined that a woman has the right to make medical choices concerning her body. The argument against that, the anti-choice argument

if you will, was that the State had a right in the developing fetus and that the States right to choose was stronger than the woman's right to consent to care and choice. That punishment was justified if she did so. The Right to a Woman's Choice ultimately prevailed. This was not an easy political position at the time for those who supported that right.

I find it ironic that the support of this bill is extensively Democrats who typically advocate a Pro-Choice position. This bill supports the idea that the State has a right greater than the person receiving the medical intervention. This bill will mandate state action and punishment for failure to comply by restricting access to publicly and privately funded education in the State of Oregon. This bill is Anti-Choice - it is not Pro-Choice. It is a contradiction to the Pro-Choice position. In the era of #metoo, where consent for all of our citizens' bodily integrity is being understood as a fundamental right, this bill directly opposes that position, and support for such a bill undermines the integrity of any politician's Pro-Choice position.

However, there are additional problems with this bill. Let us look at an example as to why parents may search their conscience and decide to forgo completely or wait to have a child receive a vaccination. Why would a parent make the Choice to wait to vaccinate or not vaccinate for a particular disease in the first place? Just as a woman who has to make a Choice about pregnancy often times goes through an intensive period of reflection before making a decision to carry a child to term or not, parents often wrestle in a similar fashion with the vaccine schedule. As a physician I have helped many parents and women through these processes and have an up-close view and carry a non-judgmental position for the integrity of their decision throughout.

Hepatitis B is a virus that is transmitted through body fluids and is typically contracted through sexual contact, IV drug use, and blood transmission. Because in most cases children will not be exposed to those routes of infection parents may decide not to vaccinate or to wait and vaccinate at a later date. There are very legitimate scientifically validated concerns to be hesitant about this vaccine and to wait to administer it in many instances.

A 2018 study in the Journal Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology looked at the association between Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Hepatitis B Vaccination:

"During the decade from 1991 to 2001 that infants were routinely exposed to T-HepB (Vaccine) 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 (Vaccine)." (emphasis added)
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29413097>

A 2010 study in the *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health* examined the long-term health effects of Hepatitis B vaccination. By reviewing the National Health Interview Survey records from 1997-2002 the findings showed that

"U.S. male (infants) vaccinated with the hepatitis B vaccine prior to 1999 (from vaccination record) had a threefold higher risk for parental report of autism diagnosis compared to boys not vaccinated as neonates during that same time period. Nonwhite boys bore a greater risk." (emphasis added)
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21058170>

In 2018 the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* published a study that measured the cost of special education services associated with hepatitis vaccine exposure, "A Cross-Sectional Study of the Association between Infant Hepatitis B Vaccine Exposure in Boys and the Risk of Adverse Effects as Measured by Receipt of Special Education Services". It reviewed the National Health

and Nutritional Examination Survey data for boys from 2001-2014 and had this conclusion:

“(I)t is estimated that an additional 1.2 million boys received (Special Education Services) with excess education costs of about United States (US) \$180 billion associated with exposure to Thimerosal-containing hepatitis B vaccine.” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29329213>

These research papers are looking backwards at actual damage that occurred from an approved vaccine. A 3 fold increase in autism diagnosis, 1.2 million boys needing special education services and 1.3-2.5 million children with ADHD costing the US economy \$530-\$840 billion dollars or more. These are unanticipated problems and costs that were not foreseen. These are lives permanently altered in a way that was not foreseen. Problems and costs that were not discovered until many years later and while this led to changes in the vaccine type the damage was already done and the costs are ongoing.

These unforeseen and unanticipated neurological reactions, that were not detected as a larger trend or clarified until decades after the medical intervention was received, with a confirmed additional public educational cost, may give parents pause. And research shows that waiting to receive the vaccine reduces the negative risk. They may elect to follow their conscience and wait.

Other recent research confirms why this may be happening in the young infants' body, with the current vaccine, from a biochemical perspective. In 2016, a double-blind placebo controlled study in the journal Psychoneuroendocrinology examined the neurological impacts of Hepatitis B vaccine in mice. From their abstract:

“These findings suggest that (infant) HBV vaccination of mice results in neurobehavioral impairments in early adulthood by inducing a pro-inflammatory” reaction that is provoked by Hepatitis B vaccine immune stimulation. “ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27501128>

Parents who are researching important decisions for their children and see this type of published peer reviewed scientific data may wish to defer the Hepatitis B Vaccine until later in life. They may believe in their conscience that there is a risk if it is administered too early – and that is a reasonable conclusion in many cases and would need to be weighted with the risk of exposure. And they would then be counted in the Oregon exemption numbers. HB 3063 would not allow these children to attend childcare or educational services. Even though they are not a risk to other children even the immunocompromised. However, a child that actually has Hepatitis B and would be a risk if they did something like scrape their knee and the other child was exposed - would not be barred from education or association with the immunocompromised. I would not support the latter, but it undermines the argument that this bill protects those who cannot otherwise be protected.

If parents believe that their child would better be served by delaying the vaccine, those parents would no longer be able to exercise their conscience in making such a decision for their children without losing access to all forms of childcare outside of the home. Such a law would violate Section 3 of the Oregon Constitution which forbids laws in Oregon that require citizens to violate their conscience or to be punished for doing so. The punishment is social segregation, denying access to educational services and physical and associated educational experiences and monies to which they are entitled under the constitution and to which they contributed. I do not believe this law will withstand the inevitable lawsuits that it will create.

A very common response to a vaccine exemption is that there are immune impaired persons who are at risk from infectious diseases that are vaccine preventable. However, this is the same argument used

against the choice to end a pregnancy - that the decision will negatively impact a potential person. If Senator Burdick and her colleagues who support Choice for women, and simultaneously support this bill to protect those who cannot be protected, then she and her colleagues are using the same rationale and even the same language as those who oppose a women's right to choose. It will not be long before this contradiction is understood and used in the political arena.

Regardless, there is an important theoretical need to keep recently live vaccinated persons away from the immunocompromised- such as MMR, Varicella, etc. These weakened viruses could shed to the immunocompromised. In other cases' vaccinated individuals pose additional concern such as in pertussis, also known as whooping cough. An article in 2014 in Scientific American regarding the acellular pertussis vaccine that is currently in use provides a synopsis of the research that vaccinated persons' harbor colonization of the bacteria asymptotically – allowing it to spread. This is leading to the observed outbreaks along with a weakening ability of the vaccine to prevent the infection itself. This bill does nothing to address any of these concerns. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/baboon-study-reveals-new-shortcoming-of-pertussis-vaccine/>

In summary, this proposed bill contains the claim of emergency that according to State data does not actually exist. It is thus founded on a false premise. This law removes the ability of parents to consent to the type of medical care that their child receives. It is thus against the right to informed consent and choice. This law will require some Oregon citizens to be coerced to violate their conscience in order to comply. It would then violate the Oregon Constitution. They will be punished by reducing their access to the education as assured through the constitution. It then again violates the constitution. This law does not aid our current vaccination policy or safety net for immunocompromised persons. It fails to do what it claims to be trying to achieve.

Importantly and fundamentally, for those politicians who claim to be Pro-Choice, this law is fundamentally Anti-Choice and uses the same fundamental argument to support it that persons use who oppose a woman's right to choose – 'protection of those who cannot protect themselves.' Your support of this bill indicates that you and your colleagues believe the State has rights that supersede the individual in the choice of their medical care. And you believe that right of the State supersedes even where harm can potentially occur from that medical care. Risk of harm occurs with vaccination, that is acknowledged by all sides, only the frequency and severity debated, harm that may not be noticed until many years later as the research I presented here demonstrates.

There is no additional gain for public health here. Oregon citizens who are Pro-Choice when it comes to medical decisions for their children deserve your protection, even when you do not agree with them. They are the minority- 5% or less of the population. If you wish to increase vaccine uptake do so in ways other than State compulsion and punishment. Our current laws work for herd immunity.

Please stand on the correct side of history. Amend this bill to allow parents to choose. Protect the rights to conscience afforded in the Oregon constitution. Vote no on HB 3063 or amend it to include religious exemptions of conscience.

Thank you
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**James Beard
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March 21, 2019

Honorable Betsy Johnson
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Honorable Dan Rayfield
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon Legislature
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Re: In Support of the OSU Statewides – Senate Bill 257

Dear Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield, and members of the Committee:

The Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs – the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory (the “OSU Statewides”) – provide essential research and outreach services in all 36 counties in Oregon. Program scientists and extension agents contribute expertise and advice to address environmental quality, health, and economic development issues facing Oregonians across the state.

James Beard Public Market, a project of The Historic Portland Public Market Foundation, is making plans to develop on the campus of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Operating as a non-profit organization, the Public Market will showcase the quality and diversity of Oregon’s farming and food economy. It will host 50+ independent businesses selling Oregon food, provide unique economic development opportunities, help bridge the urban-rural divide, and create a destination that will promote agri-tourism and support the development of local community food systems.

The OSU Statewides are an essential partner of the Public Market through their work helping farmers and food producers from across Oregon grow, develop, and bring their products to market. The OSU Statewides nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of Oregon farms and food-related businesses and the jobs they create.

With the help and support of a wide variety of interest groups and stakeholders, the OSU Board of Trustees has 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 and helping bridge the economic divide between urban and rural Oregon.

James Beard Public Market enthusiastically supports the OSU Statewides. 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 for the programs. We encourage the Ways and Means Committee to 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.

Very truly yours,



Fred M. Granum
Executive Director
James Beard Public Market

From: [Emily Steinybubble](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: I oppose HB 3036
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 6:20:26 PM

I am a constituent from Lebanon, Oregon. If this bill goes through, I have 4 children that will be forced out of the public school system. My youngest will be old enough for Kindergarten as of August 2020. I have been a stay at home mom for several years, and my intention has been to return to work the year he enters into kindergarten. Like many Oregonians though, I will not have that option if I need to homeschool my children. My family will leave Oregon in order to ensure our children are not segregated out of society by an unnecessary law. No one is dying in the USA from the measles. This is not an emergency.

I want to see the pharmaceutical giants that are producing vaccinations be removed from the safety net of the government, and start demonstrating some transparency. Starting with unbiased safety studies.

Emily Bennett
Lebanon, Oregon

From: [Martha Richardson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Lebanon, Oregon
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 6:58:03 PM

I oppose HB 3063. I feel that this bill denies children of their civil right to public education. I personally home school my children, but I know numerous members of my community that will be forced to make drastic changes to their family in order to remain in Oregon. I have friends that are talking about moving out of Oregon if this bill goes through. I am extremely disappointed that Oregon would consider segregating families out of schools and away from their peers. I'm nervous to see what kind of hit the public school system will take when they already suffer from budgets that are too small every year.

Martha Richardson
Lebanon, Oregon

From: [Sophia Kuznetsov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:18:43 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Member,

Good morning, I hope all is well with you and thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

My name is Sophia Kuznetsov I live here in Marion county. I am a mother, a wife and a hardworking member of this community. While I was born and raised here in Oregon, my grandparents told me stories of how they faced great prosecution and discrimination for our religious beliefs due to the communist tyranny in Russia. We do not normally don't get involved in political matters, but this bill would greatly discriminate against my beliefs and would prevent my children from getting the public education that I pay for in taxes. Please understand that I personally believe vaccines have done a lot of good but mandating parents to vaccinate their children against their will is morally wrong and unconstitutional. Now I understand that you are looking for the fiscal effect this bill would have on the state of Oregon. So I will get straight to the point and ask that you consider a few of my concerns;

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How does the State plan on paying for all those mandated vaccinations? Many will most definitely not be coerced into paying for something they do not want to receive. Will there be State-paid clinics set up all across Oregon offering complementary vaccinations for all? How much would that cost?

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Why can't the law remain as it is? Right now, unvaccinated children stay home until the threat

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But HB 3063 goes too far. Under 3063, my children will have no educational future in Oregon.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you again for your time and attention,

Sophia Kuznetsov

From: [Iryna Mulder](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: I oppose HB 3063 / Oregon City
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:00:46 PM

Hello,

I oppose bill HB 3063 for a few reasons and at this time would like to know why doesn't HB 3063 give me a tax credit since it prevents my children from attending any charter, public or private school and my tax dollars pay for that?

And why does HB 3063 include Hep B for preschoolers, when that disease is passes mostly from drug use and sex?

Our family opposes HB 3063. Don't let this happen to us!

Regards,

Iryna Mulder,
Oregon City

From: [Adrienne Marie](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:06:08 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. 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 discriminate on children with disables and according to the CDC page 6 in "The relationship between bullying and suicide" with children being accepted in school and not accepted has a major suicide correlation. This bill cannot be passed, don't let Oregon be known and remembered as the state with the strictest mandate in history

From: marfoseslol@yahoo.com
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:06:46 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Member,

Good evening,

I hope all is well with you and thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

My name is Marfa Caudle. I live here in Marion county. I am a mother, a wife and a hardworking member of this community. While I was born and raised here in Oregon, my grandparents told me stories of how they faced great prosecution and discrimination for our religious beliefs due to the communist tyranny in Russia. We do not normally don't get involved in political matters, but this bill would greatly discriminate against my beliefs and would prevent my children from getting the public education that I pay for in taxes. Please understand that I personally believe vaccines have done a lot of good but mandating parents to vaccinate their children against their will is morally wrong and unconstitutional. Now I understand that you are looking for the fiscal effect this bill would have on the state of Oregon. So I will get straight to the point and ask that you consider a few of my concerns;

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Thank you again for your time and attention,

Marfa Caudle

From: [rebecca.meyer](#)
To: [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](#)
Cc: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Education funding, Damascus OR resident
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:32:15 PM

Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for the public session held this evening. I took detailed notes for the 2.5 hour session. Here are the community's concerns summarized. We heard 15 testimonies asking for increased budget for public schools. I heard some alarming needs. Students are homeless and hungry. They don't have basic supplies necessary for education. Class sizes are too large for the individual attention students need. There is asbestos in the ceilings and lead in the water at Portland area schools. Buildings don't have the safety upkeep they require. There are not enough mental help professionals for the growing need in our schools, specifically we are low on trauma and grief counselors. Schools need physical education and arts. Substance abuse needs to be addressed. There's no budget for extra curricular activities. Students act out in class and physically harm teachers. Teachers are taking budgetary pay cuts as a result of fewer work days. Teachers aren't paid enough for the overwhelming, underappreciated task they have, and administrators reported turn over as a result. Staff is being reduced. Our kids lose. We also heard testimony from 15 representatives from community colleges. They spoke of students living out of cars to afford books. Hunger. A lack of resources for veterans resource centers and multicultural centers. We heard from first generation college graduates, and immigrants reporting that assistance is sorely needed to make community college accessible to our citizens. Community college needs to stay affordable so that low income families can get jobs to make some sort of living. I listened tonight, and learned how badly we are failing these people. We heard three separate testimonies about heartbreaking needs in foster care. Needs for foster parents. We have nearly the worst foster system in the country. CASA desperately needs funding to get families adequate help for reunification in a timely manner. We heard about pre-school needs for minority populations- Reach Out and Read and SMART need funding to bridge the education gap for kids needing early intervention to succeed. We heard from three mental health professionals who need funding to serve the public. Their clinics are overwhelmed with more need than they can address. Mental health facility workers do crucially important work, and don't make a livable wage. They can't pay off school loans or buy homes, years after their education because they don't make enough money to live. Mental health programs that are desperately needed aren't fully funded and these professionals are at a loss. They need funding. We heard about painful needs for the livelihood of 3 citizens in the agriculture business. We heard that the police aren't funded enough to keep the public safe at all hours, that we do not have funding for adequate (not good, just adequate) police service to our communities to keep them safe. The officer spoke of 38% increase in crash fatalities, 22% more crashes, and 70% increase in alcohol consumption related to car crashes. Fatalities are up 48% in general and the police can't respond in an adequate manner. We heard that SNAP benefits have plummeted for community members living with HIV/AIDS and they can't afford life-saving medication and the cost of living. These are MASSIVE community needs. You also heard 6 testimonies of doctors and parents opposed to HB 3063. There was nobody in attendance this evening to speak of the emergency need of this bill to pass. 5 Oregonians had a mild case of measles this year- all linked to travel. This is completely normal! There is no emergency. Education has real issues that need to be funded- measles/ vaccination rates are not even on the radar. Funding this bill will take MILLIONS of dollars out of Oregon's schools! You are the government *for the people*. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. We are not concerned about vaccine injured kids – mostly missing one or two vaccines- in the classroom. We surpass herd immunity rates for each communicable disease. There is already a law in place should an outbreak occur. Unvaccinated kids will stay home. This system has not failed us! The people of Oregon do not want HB 3063 to pass! I ask of you, listen to the people. Respect our right to make decisions regarding our own bodies with our doctors and before God. There is no medical reason to pass HB 3063 and no

funds justifying this bill. Thank you for your time.

Rebecca Meyer

From: [KC Anderson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony - Opposition to HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:38:38 PM

To the Oregon Ways and Means Committee,

I live in Bend, Oregon and have been a proud Oregonian since 2000. I write to you today as a mother of two beautiful young children. I have researched and weighted the benefit vs risk for every decision involving their lives from their birth to when and which vaccine they receive. It pains me that the progressive and open-minded state is considering taking away its citizens rights to chose what goes in our body. I implore you to listen to the thousands of emails and testimonies that I am sure you have received from men and women (I bet a lot of mothers with first-hand experience). All voices need to be heard.

Please show the rest of the country and the world, that Oregon will not be bought by big pharma, will not be censored, will not be bullied, and will not be frightened into taking away rights of its citizens. Instead, let's lead the fight for real conversations about the pros and cons of vaccines. Afterall all doctors will admit, all medical procedures and medicines have pros and cons. It's about having honest and HARD conversations.

Again, please oppose HB 3063:

- 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 all freedom and do not want to abolish person freedoms for any reason.
- Because we Oregonians want all children to have access to education. (It doesn't make sense that a child with Hepatitis B can attend school, but a child who hasn't been vaccinated can't?)
- 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 you for listening.

KC Anderson
Bend, OR 97703

From: [KC Anderson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony - Opposition to HB 3063 from Bend, Oregon
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:45:31 PM

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KC Anderson
Bend, OR 97703

From: [Ava Taylor](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Tigard. Oppose HB 3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:20:58 PM

I was at the Ways and Means meeting tonight. I want to submit my testimony in opposition to HB 3063. This bill is government overreach, absolutely unnecessary as there is no 'emergency'. Oregon has high vaccine rates that all meet or exceed the herd immunity thresholds.

There will be a loss of funds to the schools and communities as parents remove their children from schools, parents will stay home to home-school their children, or decide to leave the state all-together. This bill is segregating and discriminating against children who have the same right to a public education and school related activities as every other child in this state. After listening to all the testimony this evening it seems that this bill and whatever the cost involved if this is implemented could have a substantial impact on the overall budget shortfall that already exists. It doesn't seem to be a wise time to try to pass this sort of unnecessary legislation when there are so many bigger concerns facing our state. It makes me wonder what is really going on here, if there are lobbyists from pharmaceutical companies making campaign donations that push the legislators to bring forth such bills to push agendas that are really not about public health, but are all about profit.

I urge you to listen to your heart of hearts and think about the innocent children that you are discriminating against if you push this bill forward.

My child is in high school and will miss out on his final years with his peers if this bill passes. It will devastate our family. Due to our family medical history and strong beliefs we have chosen not to vaccinate and we will not be vaccinating even if this bill passes.

There are risks to vaccines and where there is risk there must be choice.

Please vote No on HB 3063.

Thank you,
Ava Taylor

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Ava Taylor

From: [efrosinia.chernishoff](mailto:efrosinia.chernishoff@waysandmeansbudget.org)
To: [waysandmeans budget](mailto:waysandmeansbudget@oregon.gov)
Subject: NO on HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:57:30 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Member,

Good morning, I hope all is well with you and thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

My name is Efrosinia Chernishoff. I live here in clackamas county. I am a mother, a wife and a hardworking member of this community. While I was born and raised in Alaska I moved here after I got married. Growing up my grandparents told me stories of how they faced great prosecution and discrimination for our religious beliefs due to the communist tyranny in Russia. We do not normally get involved in political matters, but this bill would greatly discriminate against my beliefs and would prevent my children from getting the public education that I pay for in taxes. Please understand that I personally believe vaccines have done a lot of good but mandating parents to vaccinate their children against their will is morally wrong and unconstitutional. Now I understand that you are looking for the fiscal effect this bill would have on the state of Oregon. So I will get straight to the point and ask that you consider a few of my concerns;

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Please vote no on HB3063

Thank you again for your time

Efrosinia Chernishoff
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Kellum](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: PORTLAND--WHY MANDATED VACCINATIONS IS BAD SCIENCE
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:06:05 PM
Importance: High

Madam/Sir

The issue of vaccinations is such an important one, and one for which I am concerned you might not be getting the FULL picture. I have tried to summarize the essential points for you in bullet form. Please do me the courtesy of reading this document in full, and if you have questions or need more support for ANY of my positions, please write me and I will respond.

- I am a doctor and a scientist. I am not against vaccinations any more than I am against antibiotics. They both are important tools. If I had to go to a tropical country where I had concerns about my immune system's ability to adapt, I may well take a vaccine and be grateful for it, just as I would gratefully take an antibiotic if all other measures were not working and I was facing serious progression of illness or death.
- The problem is that they BOTH are being OVERUSED, with serious health consequences for our country as a whole.
- You understand how overuse of antibiotics is leading to the continued evolution of "superbugs", for which we increasingly have less means to fight in consequence. Can you see the parallel with vaccinations?
- Currently the CDC recommends 72 vaccinations for children through their 18th year of life. Some of these are given at birth when the body actually does not yet have an immune system to recruit, and some are given 5-6 at a time, which for some people is a demanding load to bear, and can have consequences. If we continue down the path we are going, that number of vaccinations is only going to increase. The rest of this letter should help make clear why.
- In the late 1990's the CDC conducted the long-called-for randomized control trial to ascertain if there was any relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism. The study was headed by Dr Bill Thompson, under the head of the CDC, Dr Julie Gerberding. In the study, they found a POSITIVE correlation. But they thought there must be something wrong, so they changed the research design, then altered the population base, but still a correlation was shown, so they DESTROYED the data.
- Years later, Dr Thompson was overcome by guilt about this FRAUD and publically shared copies of the study which he had secretly kept, documenting how the data had borne out a correlation, and then had been subsequently "cooked" and ultimately destroyed by the research team.
- No one at the CDC was punished for this fraud. In fact, Dr Gerberding was subsequently given a position by Merck as head of their Vaccines Division.
- You can see this story in the film "VAXXED"—I recommend you give it a fair trial on your own, because it has been totally trashed by the media with arguments that have nothing to do with the film. At the VAXXED site, you can also download the 94MB of documents with CDC letterheads that Dr Thompson saved and which prove his case.
- It is just one case...but it is important in that it calls for more study, and certainly suggests we should NOT be mandating vaccinations AT LEAST until we have a clearer picture, if ever.
- Because vaccines are currently categorized as Biologics instead of Pharmaceuticals, they are

not subject to the same research standards, and are often pushed through for public use in a matter of weeks, without proper study.

- Dr Marcia Angell, Harvard trained medical doctor and editor-in-chief of the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine for 20 years, came out with the reluctant statement that it is no longer possible to trust the research findings of most studies currently done today, because too often they are under the control of big pharmaceutical companies or other profit-based interests.
- Since 2003 in the United States, there have been two deaths from measles, but over 400 children have died from adverse events of the MMR vaccine.
- Vaccinations do NOT confer immunity...most of the outbreaks of disease are amongst the VACCINATED. It is quite typical to see incidences of diseases like chicken pox and pertussis have 65-75% rates of occurrence, or higher, among the VACCINATED. In Corpus Christi, Texas in 1983, for example, over 400 vaccinated students with 90% vaccination rates still got measles! The paradox of measles and other infectious diseases is that you cannot eradicate a live virus.
- Vaccinations target the humoral immune system (Th2), increasing the immune system's capacity for IDENTIFYING a virus, but not providing any basis for stimulating the generalized or TH1 immune response, in which the body mounts a fever and expresses specific cytokines associated with a general defense—interferon, IL-2, etc. In the absence of mounting this defense, the body does NOT have a full experience of the disease, and in consequence it will tend over time to NOT develop the greater warmth capacity that can come with the experience actual disease itself.
- To address this, vaccine makers will put various toxic “adjuvants” in their vaccines to provoke an inflammatory TH1 response. However, the toxins are chosen precisely because they do NOT break down easily in the body, chosen to provoke a sustained response, and unfortunately, unlike with a virus where an immune response can overcome it, with adjuvants it can instead be the case that CUMULATIVELY, after many doses of adjuvants in vaccines, there is a BIOPERSISTENCE of the adjuvant which the body can NOT overcome, and in which case we can see auto immune conditions arise. See these important works: “Biopersistence and Brain Translocation of Aluminum Adjuvants in Vaccines”, by Romain Gherardi MD et.al., <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4318414/> and Vaccines and Autoimmunity, by Yehuda Shoenfeld MD et.al., Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.
- This is also a possible mechanism for understanding the development of autism in some individuals.
- An immune system built primarily around many vaccinations has actually LOST its balance, such that it's capacity for natural herd immunity is destroyed, replaced instead with a temporary and inadequate immunity necessitating a dependence upon CONTINUED vaccinations (boosters), while also facing an increasing risk of new outbreaks and adverse outcomes, for want of sufficient response capacity in the face of ever new viral mutant strains. What had been historically a largely innocuous disease suddenly then becomes potentially dangerous again in an “immune compromised population...AND A MARKET IS CREATED FOR VACCINES This is an example of what Rene Dubos once called “the mirage of health”—backing ourselves increasingly into a sterilized corner while by necessity having to INCREASINGLY isolate ourselves from the rest of nature evolving around us...and so increasingly LOSING OUR ADAPTIVITY FOR SURVIVAL.
- For example, widespread chickenpox vaccination has removed natural Herd Immunity by preventing what were once predominantly manageable epidemics, eliminating ‘wild-type’ boosting (from natural evolutionary viral mutation), and so allowing immunity to FALL in individuals to the

point where shingles is now much more common, occurring in young, apparently healthy people. Vaccination has created a new epidemic, to which Merck's response is, 'we've created a market; now let's make a vaccine to prevent shingles.'

- Single nucleotide polymorphic variants (SNP's) are individualized genetic risk factors that render some people specifically vulnerable to vaccinations. That number has been estimated at 10-15% of the population, or more....and the adverse affects can be lethal. This is NOT something we should mandate
 - Currently manufacturers are NOT liable for the effects of vaccinations...they have no risk if the product affects people adversely. Rather, the cost is laid upon the American public via the publically funded "Vaccine Court" set up by President Reagan under pressure from pharmaceutical companies, which issues awards with tax dollars.
 - 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.
 - There are thousands of parents that won't be coerced to vaccinate. They will choose to homeschool, or leave the state, which will result in financial loss. Consider too the cost involved to enforce this bill, the cost in increased public assistance, the cost to the work force, and even the impact on the real estate market if people choose to sell their homes and leave the state!
 - For so many reasons then, reasons grounded In SCIENCE, we need to tread very carefully in how we move forward with vaccinations. Oregon has always been a progressive light for the rest of the country in so many ways. With our eyes open, let's continue to be the kind of leader our country needs to serve the BEST interests of its people. Thank you so much for giving me your time.
- Sincerely,

Dr Robert Kellum

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From: [Meilannya Vshivkoff](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:30:14 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Member,

I hope all is well with you and thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

I Meilannya Vshivkoff am a constituent 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.

If this bill passes, many will be forced to move out of state or privately homeschool to the best of their ability. I am not the only one who has this same idea, I fear how Oregon will address the estimated loss of 400 million dollars in revenue to public schools from the 31,500 students who currently hold an exemption? Going alongside the decrease in students, how many Oregon teachers will lose their jobs?

As parents would have to forcibly quit their jobs to homeschool their children, two income families go to one income, it will decrease state income tax and increase families qualifying for OHP, WIC and SNAP as many will need more government assistance.

Will the government be paying for all vaccinations since it will be forced upon us? Many will most definitely not be coerced into paying for something they do not want to receive. Will there be State-paid clinics set up all across Oregon offering complementary vaccinations for all?

How will it be enforced 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? This bill seems a bit outrageous, that my child cannot attend public school, yet everyone will be roaming free in our local parks, Walmart, shopping malls, and airports.

Also to note that only 2.6% of Oregon children are completely unvaccinated, and of all the states, Oregon has extremely high rates for MMR vaccines (high 96-98% all across Oregon). This measles outbreak has made everyone go beyond extreme measures. I have no idea how any of this will be enforced, and I'm sure you have your doubts as well.

Thank you again for your time,

Sincerely,

Meilannya Vshivkoff

From: [Arkady Grudzinsky](#)
To: [Sen Johnson](#); [Sen Steiner Hayward](#); [Rep Rayfield](#); [Sen Winters](#); [Rep Gomberg](#); [Rep Smith G](#); [Sen Beyer](#); [Sen Frederick](#); [Sen Girod](#); [Sen Hansell](#); [Sen Heard](#); [Sen Manning](#); [Sen Roblan](#); [Sen Thomsen](#); [Sen Wagner](#); [Rep Holvey](#); [Rep McLain](#); [Rep McLane](#); [Rep Nosse](#); [Rep Piluso](#); [Rep Stark](#); [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Beaverton 97007 Re: Vaccination bill HB3063
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:39:38 PM

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I would like to testify in strong opposition to HB3063 which removes ability of parent to decline required immunizations against restrictable diseases on behalf of child for reason other than child's indicated medical diagnosis. There are numerous reasons why HB3063 should never have been introduced. I will list just several ways this bill will negatively impact the state finances.

1. **HB3063 will force parents of over 31,000 Oregonian children to quit their jobs negatively impacting Oregon families, Oregon businesses, and the State income tax revenue.** HB3063 will ban over 31,000 students in Oregon that have filed a non-medical exemption from attending public schools. These children will only be able to attend an online school. Many of the parents of these children will have to quit their job in order to stay home with their children.
2. **HB3063 will have a significant impact on school budgets.** HB3063 stipulates that the state shall issue vouchers in the amount of the average statewide distribution to the parents of children who will not be allowed to attend a public school to pay for the child's attendance of a private or parochial school or teaching the child at home. These payments will take away funds from the public schools and will hardly provide enough funding for education of these children.
3. **HB3063 opens multiple avenues for class action law suits against the state.** While imposing a dire economic hardship on thousands of Oregonian families, HB3063 clearly discriminates children based on religious beliefs of their parents. If it were about public safety, *all* unimmunized children should not be able to attend public schools. However, since children with medical exemptions are allowed to attend a public school and children with religious exemptions are not, the ban is based *not* based on the children's immunization status, but rather on their parent's religious beliefs. There are many valid ethical and religious reasons to decline injecting children with substances containing products from aborted human fetuses or animal DNA, and costly class-action suits against the state are sure to follow.
4. **Another avenue for class action law suits is depriving children on IEP of special education services.** HB3063 has no provisions for children with special needs which is against Oregon and Federal law. Medical diagnoses of many if not most children on Individual Education Plans (IEP) are not considered as valid reasons to decline vaccination.
5. **HB3063 is completely unnecessary.** 4 cases of measles in the state is *not* an "emergency". Vaccination rates for MMR vaccine in Oregon is above 96%, according to OHA, which is well above the "herd immunity" level. Enacting a permanent emergency and forcing an undue economic hardship on thousands of Oregonians while making an significant negative financial impact on the state budget does not make any sense.

Please, don't let his discriminatory bill to pass.

Sincerely,

Arkady Grudzinsky
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Beaverton, Oregon 97007.

From: [jennifer brusewitz](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 OPPOSE Portland
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 6:42:55 AM
Attachments: [Ways & Means statement 3.22.19.docx](#)

Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Jennifer Brusewitz and I'm both a physician and a parent with children enrolled in public school. I am also a taxpayer who shares your concerns with the state's limited financial resources. It is with these perspectives that I share my comments.

As a physician, I am grateful for policy efforts that ensure the health of our community. However, the recent spike in measles has prompted a policy that has not had adequate review of its significant economic, equity and health implications. With 4 measles cases in Oregon, this does not, in my mind, constitute a state emergency. I urge you to slow this process to address the potential consequences of this bill.

First, there has not been adequate consideration of the financial aspects of how this bill would be implemented and enforced, and the infrastructure necessary to police this bill. As House Bill 3063 is currently written, over 31,000 children and their families would be affected, with a significant loss to school funding if some of those families choose to homeschool their children. And as an equity issue, families with greater means will have greater choice for their children, as is always the case.

From a medical perspective, mandating 100% compliance of the vaccine schedule is unnecessary. For example, Hepatitis B is one of the mandatory vaccines, even though it is a disease spread by sexual contact or sharing needles. Mandating this vaccine does not address a serious public health threat in this population.

While the goal of protecting public health is an important one, this bill is not an appropriate policy solution for the people of Oregon.

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From: [Caroline Siegmann](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:04:33 AM

Dear Ways and Means Committee:

My husband and I, residents of Portland, own 3 businesses in 3 Oregon counties - serving the elderly and disabled population, contracting with local hospitals to help our clients remain independent. **With \$6.25 million in small business revenue, and 8 children, we feel we have a big stake in both Oregon's medical economy - as well as in serving its most vulnerable children. We have even bigger concerns over HB 3063.**

Of our 8 children, 7 are adopted from foster care, all from a background of severe trauma, abuse, and substance exposure. Further, 3 of them have significant, life-impairing diseases acquired from the toxin overload of prenatal drug/alcohol exposure (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and PANDAS - an autoimmune near-inflammatory disorder). Some of our children were born positive for 5 street drugs, one of them has 5 anaphylactic allergies and over 20 other severe allergies, and has suffered tremors and massive nerve damage because of it. **Vaccines - containing foreign DNA matter, aluminum, viable viruses, MSG, formaldehyde, and more - present a very real health and well-being risk to each of our children.** One of our daughters with FASD had seizures on and off for 3 days after receiving the Hep A vaccine, requiring emergency services. She didn't sleep for a week straight.

Each person has a toxin threshold, unique to each person. This is why some children react to vaccines, while others, having a higher threshold for toxin processing, are able to receive them without recognizable injury. Our children's unique needs mean that they are at extremely high risk for vaccine injury (an industry of its own, which has thus far required a compensation and damages fund \$4 billion dollars strong due to the volume of injuries). Vaccines, as with most medical interventions, are only safe when administered in the context of a parentally-decided basis, unique to each child's needs and health. I am confident that for multiple of our children, mandatory vaccinations would be the nail in their health coffin, pushing their developing brains and immune systems far over their individual toxin thresholds.

As the bill is written, our children very well may not qualify for exemptions from vaccines that could impair their development and health *for life*.

Vaccine consent simply must be a parental responsibility and choice - parents are the most qualified advocates for their children health, being most familiar with their life and health history. As parents of immune-compromised children, we are also charged with the responsibility of protecting them when we decline further vaccination. This means that we teach our children excellent hygiene and hand-washing skills, avoiding public areas such as malls during outbreaks, and providing high quality, disease-fighting nutrients.

During the measles outbreak in the Portland area, not one case of confirmed measles even came close to close to the gravity of the damage done to my daughter from vaccine reactions. Consent requires a constant risk-benefit analysis, and for us, with our children's health history, the risk of vaccines as they are currently formulated, will statistically do far more damage to them than synthetic immunity would provide a

gain.

Each body is unique. Each genetic code is unique. Each health history is unique. Mandating vaccinations for all populations is a step backwards in science and ethics, neglecting the unique genetic makeup and life history of each child. One, I fear we will deeply regret in years to come as the rates of auto-immune diseases and allergies continue to skyrocket in children.

Our lives work is devoted to the health care of the elderly, disabled, and young. There has been, nor will there ever be, a one-size-fits-all medical intervention that is right for every individual - we have seen this ring true hundreds of times over.

Health care that is progressive is specialized, custom to each individual, and encourages full consent and understanding of risks and benefits. This is good science. Injecting foreign matter into our bodies that have never gone through the scientific gold standard of a placebo-controlled, double-blind study is like throwing things at a wall to see what sticks - and keeping a fund on the side to pay for any damage for what doesn't. Forward-moving, future-focused medical care is careful, custom, and affords full consent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Caroline and Adrian James Siegmann
Portland, Oregon

From: [Margaret Sexty](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063 NO
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:32:44 AM

vaccine injury happens frequently and it is hurting human beings and our country
Vote NO HB3063

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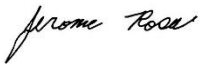
Senate Bill 876

Senate Bill 876 is a classic case of big government trying to solve a problem that does not exist. Unfortunately, this bill overlays a new level of regulation to ALL LARGE CAFO's in Oregon, including the Beef Industry.

There is a common misconception, Lost Valley Ranch (which is the root case of this bill), caused environmental damage that has unequivocally been proven false. Senate Bill 879 will micro manage large CAFO's that are already under tremendous regulatory oversight. In fact, on a national level, Oregon is well-known to currently have some of the most stringent CAFO regulations in the United States.

For various reasons, both environmental and natural resource groups oppose SB 876. Please vote no on Senate Bill 876.

Thank you,



Jerome Rosa
Executive Director
Oregon Cattlemen's Association

From: [Jennifer Grimes](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 2570
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:21:27 AM

Hello,

I was hoping to testify last night at PCC but was not selected. My written testimony is below. Thank you for your time and consideration of foster children, the CASA Network, and this bill.

My name is Jennifer Grimes. I serve as a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children in Columbia County.

As many of you know, the CASA is the only person on a foster child's case whose sole responsibility is that child's best interest.

Last year when I finished my extensive CASA training, I was asked to work in Columbia County because the need for CASA's is particularly high. Just 23% of the foster children in Columbia County have a CASA.

My work as a CASA has directly benefitted the children on my case and their move toward a forever family. Over the course of my work as a CASA, I received 53 hours of training, read thousands of pages of discovery, and invested hundreds of hours getting to know the kids in their foster homes, attending school and wrap meetings, talking with attorneys and caseworkers, and working with permanency and adoption specialists.

It is imperative that all foster children in Oregon have a CASA.

The State of Oregon currently provides only 17% of total funding for local CASA programs like the one I volunteer with. Our local programs must fund-raise the other 83% from non-state sources.

We simply can't raise enough resources to provide a CASA for every child.

New CASA volunteers are waiting to be trained by local CASA programs like ours – only held back by insufficient staffing capacity to train and supervise them, due to inadequate funding.

I request that you invest \$8.3 Million dollars next biennium to maintain current CASAs and to recruit, train, and supervise a larger and more

diverse group of new CASAs to serve all Oregon foster children.

Thank you.

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Jen Grimes / CASA / 971.317.9922

From: [Marie Korovic](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Re: HB 3063 / Grants Pass
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:22:52 AM

Dear Members of the Oregon Ways and Means Committee,

I am a parent of a ten year old child in Josephine County. I work in the Education Technology field and I strongly oppose HB 3063.

My son has ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, and Executive Functioning Disorder; which to my understanding, with HB 3063, does not qualify him for a medical exemption. This bill will force is to pull him out of school, homeschool, and/or leave the state.

When my son was younger, I started out with the intentions of vaccinating him. His pediatrician recommended the dTap immunization to start. The night of giving him this shot, he screamed uncontrollably all night. There was nothing I could do to calm him. I knew something was wrong and feel this was a strong reaction to the chemicals used in the vaccine. At that time, I was listening to my gut but after further research, I discovered that this type of reaction is noted in the CDC's Contraindications and Precautions packet. This was enough of a scare to make me put the brakes on vaccinating. This began my quest to learn more before I would continue to the next immunization.

At the same time, my sons father was, and still is, dealing with epilepsy. He never had seizures his entire life until a few months before I had met him. He was in the military and was vaccinated for everything, including the anthrax vaccine. Not long after getting out of the military, his seizures began. We believe that it is very likely to be a consequence of the vaccines and now he is

permanently dependent on seizure medication for the rest of his life.

On the CDC website, under Contraindications and Precautions, page 3 of 20, it states that, “A personal or family history of seizures is a precaution for MMRV vaccinations...”. I cannot expose my son to the MMR vaccine if there is a risk from him also developing seizures. The risk of developing seizures for life due to the MMR versus getting measles for a week, is much greater. As a precaution, I supplement my son with vitamin A and C; which is the same common treatment that hospitals use to treat patients with measles but in higher doses.

When my son was five, I once again tried to start the vaccine schedule. This time I decided to do the Hepatitis B series. I do not know why I made this choice because I now know that hepatitis B is not something that a five-year-old boy needs to worry about because was not sexually active and not using drug needles. I felt the pressure to vaccinate so I did. I remember seeing my son blink a lot. I didn't not know until now, that this is another vaccine related side effect and this is when we also noticed my son's hyperactivity and learning disabilities in school.

On another note. I have the RH negative blood type and was required to take the Rhogam shot DURING pregnancy. This shot contains aluminum, which ultimately transfers to the baby during pregnancy.

When all of these factors are combined, you can see why I am hesitant to vaccinate my child on the current schedule. I've researched every vaccine, the history, treatments, and everything I should know in the event he contracted anything.

My son's school had been such a blessing for him socially.

Although academically, he struggles due to the conditions I mentioned above, his social interactions with peers are the most important factors to ensuring he is a capable, socially adjusted adult. If his chance to interact with peers is taken away, it could be devastating.

Please consider all of the stories like mine and vote no on HB 3063. We are not parents who are going “against the grain” just because we feel like it. We are mothers and fathers who have experienced firsthand, the cost of choosing to vaccinate. I am a college educated graduate and I work with data in Education Technology. I am using research, logic, and firsthand experience, to make the best decision for my child. I don’t want to take my son out of school, sell my home, and have to move out of this state. Oregon is our home and we’d like to continue on as we planned.

Please vote no on HB 3063 and thank you for your time.

Marie

March 21, 2019

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Re: Support for Senate Bill 357

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

I am a Partner in the law firm of Perkins Coie and live in Portland. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Campaign for Equal Justice in my role as volunteer. Thank you for the opportunity to testify 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.

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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.

More funding is needed

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.

An important finding of the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Study commissioned by the Oregon Access to Justice Coalition 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.

The Ask

I am passionate about Legal Aid because nine years ago Legal Aid helped my cousin, a Filipina immigrant living in Gresham at the time, obtain a restraining order against her abusive husband so she and her three children could be safe. Legal Aid helped my cousin at a time of crisis in her life. She now is living in her own apartment in Portland, working a full-time job, and recently ceased participating in the food stamp program. Her three kids make the honor roll, play sports, and play in the band in their schools.

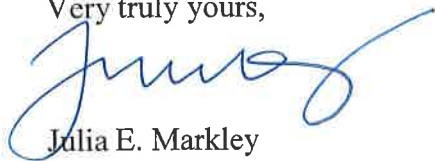
Members of the Committee, I ask for your support of SB 357. Please vote to increase Oregon’s investment in civil legal aid services. SB 357 increases operational funding and creates a consumer price index adjustment for legal aid. Your support for SB 357 will give legal aid the

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stability it needs to continue to help low-income and vulnerable Oregonians overcome barriers to justice.

Thank you for considering this testimony and for your ongoing support of legal aid.

Very truly yours,



Julia E. Markley

JEM

From: [Sarah Koeltzow](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Written Testimony from 3/21/19 Ways & Means Public Hearing - Hillsboro, OR
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:39:07 AM

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. The First Amendment of our Constitution reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The constitutionally guaranteed free exercise of religion in America extends well beyond the freedom to worship and in this case, the right to a religious vaccine exemption.

I would like to respectfully ask if the state is ready to manage the financial implications on private and religious schools 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.

First, as prioritizing K-12 education funding is one of the principles of this committee, what about the 31 thousand students who, under amendment 13, will be expelled from Oregon schools including those enrolled in the 500 plus private schools in Oregon, many which are religious in nature? The loss of education has been viewed as "an unintended consequence" of this bill but kicking kids out of school because they are not fully vaccinated is a violation of their constitutional right to an education as stated in the 14th Amendment. There is an estimated loss of 400 million dollars in revenue, over half of which is from private schools. How will Oregon address this loss of revenue? What about the teachers and administrative staff who may lose their jobs at their private and religious schools?

Second, unvaccinated children would not be allowed at church if their church has a daycare, preschool or K-12 school or the church meets on school grounds. Has the loss of revenue for churches and their schools been reviewed?

Third, parents are being held hostage between choosing daycare and education for their children and following their religious beliefs as well as the 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?

Also, it is estimated 5,000 IEP students will be expelled. Will OHP take over the cost of providing their IEP services as federal education dollars won't be covering them 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. The CDC lists suicide as the second leading cause of deaths for children ages 10-14 years old. Social isolation is listed by the CDC as one of the 12 warning signs of suicide. How will the increased cost incurred by OHA for providing mental health services to these students be addressed as they are socially and educationally segregated?

The right to freedom of religious 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.

Sarah Koeltzow, Oregon Resident, Registered Voter
Concerned Parent and Advocate for Informed Choice

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Sarah Koeltzow

We can't control time - but we can control HOW we spend it and WHAT we focus on. - [Life with Greyson and Parker](#)

From: [Valerie Brewer](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Ways and Means: HB 3063 (Vaccine Bill Financial Impact)
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:41:50 AM

To the Ways and Means Committee:

I'm writing to address my concerns over the negative financial impact regarding HB 3063. This bill essentially segregates a portion of society and denies them access to a public (or even private) education unless they consent to every single recommended vaccination on the CDC list, in the CDC recommended timeline, plus any that the CDC adds to the list in the future.

The aim of this bill is to pressure parents who have not vaccinated their kids or who have partially vaccinated their kids to fully vaccinate them. And I'm sure some will do that- those who are missing a booster or two would probably go ahead and get their children up-to-do. But I can assure you that those whose children are unvaccinated or partially unvaccinated (but stopped vaccinating after an adverse reaction not listed as one of the acceptable medical exemptions) will NOT comply. They simply won't do it. They will go underground. They'll move. They'll home educate their children. You will see people leave the state, affecting our economy. You will see children being pulled from public schools to do home school instead, which will significantly affect funding in our school districts, as enrollment has already gone down, and this will be a further decrease.

I also want to highlight the healthcare and societal costs of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. If this bill passes, there will be even more "hot spots" for outbreaks to occur. As unvaccinated children congregate more closely in homes and other non-traditional places for "school" you will see these viruses spread even more quickly. As it is right now in Oregon if an outbreak occurs children who are not vaccinated cannot go to school until the outbreak is contained. This safeguard is a sufficient and reasonable compromise that allows for personal and parental freedom while protecting the general public. If there's even one case of measles at a school, for instance, any unvaccinated child must stay home from school for a minimum of 21 days to watch for symptoms. That's the current protocol that prevents "hot spots" and outbreaks even more than HB 3063.

Then there's the financial impact of enforcing this, especially amendment 13, which restricts unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children from meeting in "children's facilities" during non-school hours. That means that if a partially vaccinated child wants to go to Sunday School at a church where a preschool meets during the week, they technically wouldn't be allowed in the classroom. If they want to go to a Cub Scout meeting at the Armory, where, again, a preschool meets during the day, they wouldn't be allowed to enter the building. Same with a school concert for a sibling or sporting event at the high school. This amendment, in particular, is unprecedented. No other state in the country has such an exclusive and controlling amendment. How does the state of Oregon plan to enforce this? How do they plan to fund the enforcement?

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Valerie

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From: [Dr. Janet Rueger](#)
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Subject: HB 3063 Information
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:47:45 AM
Attachments: [Summary from Dr. Paul Thomas.docx](#)
[Meningitis vaccine info.2018. Tenpenny.docx](#)
[HPV Merck.docx](#)
[Influenza-disease-15.pdf](#)

Dear Committee Members :

Before voting on any issue, I believe, as elected representatives, you have a **moral obligation** to be FULLY informed about the issue you are voting on. Fully informed means listening to and reading **information provided by BOTH sides on the issue**. Given that we all have hundreds of hours of hearing adds for vaccines and cleverly worded articles “pushing” vaccines, I feel you have a moral obligation to devote the time to adequately **read, at minimum, what I have attached** and information provided by other health care professionals who are questioning the current vaccine schedule.

Please note that we are **NOT questioning ALL vaccines**; we are saying **NO to the huge increase in NUMBERS of vaccines** and the combining of vaccines and the ages they are required at. www.drpaulapproved.com/the-vaccine-friendly-plan.html

Only 2.6% of students in K-12 are 100% UNVACCINATED so that means of the people who filed an exemption, 66% of them partially vaccinated their kids! Yet, they will all NOT be allowed to attend school unless they receive ALL of the vaccines.

The vaccines that most parents chose to NOT have, are the vaccines that have the highest incidences of vaccine injuries, thus more costs to the state! - from vaccine injured kids.

Parents who are low income may “succumb” to the pressure of mandatory vaccination. **Those who are in higher income brackets will choose for one parent to no longer work** in order to homeschool. What will be the **tax loss to the state** of high income parents not working? A parent who earns \$60,000. / yr decides to stay home.

Most vaccine injuries are NOT reported, due to political pressures, thus many “disabled” or “immune compromised” people who receive **government assistance** for living expenses are not considered as an expense

that resulted from vaccine injury. As a health care practitioner, I'm aware of many of those.

ONE situation I know of: Child had vaccination, age 2, became autistic, is now age 19, mother has not been able to work more than a few hours / day, only at an at-home job, low income, **government subsidies for rent, food, etc, for the rest of that child's life**.....Mother does not earn enough income to pay any taxes. Medical expenses all paid by the state. Mother has college degree and would otherwise, at this time, be earning \$50 – 90,000. / yr.

If a person is vaccine injured, the pharmaceutical companies are exempt from any financial liability; they have ZERO liability due to 1988 law. IF the person receives any compensation it is paid for by our taxes.

If HB 3063 is passed, due to the **sudden increase in numbers of children receiving ALL the vaccines, we may have a very large increase in the number of disabled and or immune compromised children** and thus parents who are unable to work, due to having to care for a vaccine injured child. What will those costs be to the state?

As the number of vaccines given, increases, the incidence of vaccine reactions also increases.

Of the children who are currently NOT vaccinated, many of them are higher risk of vaccine injury than the general population. In many cases a sibling or a cousin had an adverse reaction. With the current law, that does NOT qualify for a medical exemption! It should. So, it is likely there will be a higher percentage of vaccine reactions in those children whose parents cannot afford to homeschool.

Exempt in Oregon means the student didn't receive ALL 31 of 31 required vaccines for school attendance. This is fascist. **HB 3063 violates the Nuremberg code!**

We do NOT have adequate research on most vaccines. **Much of the “research” that was done on vaccines was false.** (i.e. Hep B – control group was given injections of aluminum. That is NOT scientific. The same companies who have been “caught” in the opioid scandal, with viox and many other unethical practices are the companies who are saying they have done

adequate research.

From National Inst of Health,

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4046551/> - an article about the book, available online, Deadly Medicines and Organized Crime - **How Big Pharma has Corrupted Healthcare**. This should give you an idea of what is really behind the push for mandatory vaccines.

Thank-you for your service,

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Janet L Rueger, DC
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Dr. Paul Thomas, Pediatrician – notes from his presentations

Effects on the population if children are vaccinated or not, for the following:

Hep B – NO difference, does not pose a risk to others

Polio – eradicated in US

Rotovirus – cannot give vaccine after 6 – 9 or 12 mos age because it makes older kids very sick – more vomiting and diarrhea with the vaccine than with the disease of rotovirus

MMR- before it was introduced, we had about 450 people die of Measles each year in this country = 1 in 10,000 people die / year from Measles

Chicken Pox vaccine – 50 deaths / yr when it was introduced

----had **very little shingles before** the Chicken pox vaccine and now we have more Shingles: Now 100 deaths / yr from Shingles and we traded a minor illness for something that's worse.

HPV – very dangerous vaccine. Other countries have figured out that it's a dangerous vaccine and it has not been proven to have done any good.

Diphtheria – One case every other year in US. Almost eradicated

Tetanus – recently one case in Oregon. Not communicable.

Pertussis – recently in Calif in one school, 30 cases. ALL were vaccinated. There were kids in the school who were UNvaccinated and none of them got it.

Hep A --- Have seen Zero cases of Hep A in his busy career. Immune system takes care of it so parents don't feel child is ill enough to take to doctor. He has never seen one case in his busy practice. It just passes through, like many viruses

Prevnar – for Pneumococcal and ?Meningitis? organisms have shifted so the vaccine no longer works as well.

--like measles there would be some deaths.

Increase in Auto-Immunity may be largely vaccine induced

Autism

Dr. Thomas commissioned an independent researcher to go through his patient files. Here is what was found:

3,343 patients born into Dr. Paul's practice in last 10.5 years

715 with Zero vaccines – 1 case of autism (they had NO vaccines)

2,645 partially vaccinated. Anywhere between 7– 8 vaccines → 16 – 18

Most kids by this age have 25 – 40 vaccines.

Those patients mostly followed the vaccine friendly plan

6 cases of autism of those 2,645 kids = 1,000% improvement (**1 / 460**)

CDC statistics on autism: 1 in 68 children

We could save 90,000 cases of autism / year if you believe this data.

Those 715 of unvaccinated were the highest risk – because many of them already had a child in their family who had autism

We need more data!

this is not specific to Oregon but it might be helpful. I only pasted in part of the article.

The link is included below.

Pharmaceutical Companies' Role in State Vaccination Policymaking: The Case of Human Papillomavirus Vaccination

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3483914/>

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Abstract

Objectives. We sought to investigate roles that Merck & Co Inc played in state human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization policymaking, to elicit key stakeholders' perceptions of the appropriateness of these activities, and to explore implications for relationships between health policymakers and industry.

Methods. We used a series of state case studies combining data from key informant interviews with analysis of media reports and archival materials. We interviewed 73 key informants in 6 states that were actively engaged in HPV vaccine policy deliberations.

Results. Merck promoted school-entry mandate legislation by serving as an information resource, lobbying legislators, drafting legislation, mobilizing female legislators and physician organizations, conducting consumer marketing campaigns, and filling gaps in access to the vaccine. Legislators relied heavily on Merck for scientific information. Most stakeholders found lobbying by vaccine manufacturers acceptable in principle, but perceived that Merck had acted too aggressively and nontransparently in this case.

Conclusions. Although policymakers acknowledge the utility of manufacturers' involvement in vaccination policymaking, industry lobbying that is overly aggressive, not fully transparent, or not divorced from financial contributions to lawmakers risks undermining the prospects for legislation to foster uptake of new vaccines.

In June 2006, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first vaccine against human papillomavirus (HPV), the sexually transmitted virus implicated in three quarters of all cases of cervical cancer. Gardasil, produced by Merck & Co Inc, was licensed for vaccination of females aged 9 to 26 years for the prevention of cervical cancer and genital warts.¹ The same month, the Advisory

Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended routine vaccination of girls aged 11 to 12 years, with catch-up vaccination of females aged 13 to 26 years.² A remarkable burst of legislative activity followed. Within a year, legislation relating to the vaccine was introduced in 41 states and the District of Columbia, including bills in 24 states that would mandate HPV vaccination for 6th-grade girls.³ Interest in the political forces behind HPV legislation remains high.⁴ Following media reports that Merck was heavily involved in promoting school-entry mandates, questions arose about the extent and appropriateness of industry involvement in vaccine policy. The presidential candidacy of Texas Governor Rick Perry recently prompted a new round of public and media scrutiny of the issue after opponent Representative Michele Bachmann accused the governor of ordering girls to receive the HPV vaccination because of his financial and political ties to Merck.⁵ We aimed to investigate these industry roles and elicit key stakeholders' perceptions of their appropriateness and effects on policy outcomes.

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METHODS

We conducted a series of case studies combining data from key informant interviews with analysis of media reports and archival materials. We selected 6 states for study; the number was driven by available project resources to conduct in-person interviews. We selected states primarily on the basis of their active engagement in debates about HPV immunization policy ([Table 1](#)). We used volume of media coverage as a measure of the intensity of policy engagement in a state. From among the 10 states with the highest volume of media coverage in a LexisNexis search of 2128 newspaper articles from 2006 through early 2008, we selected 4 (Texas, Virginia, New York, and Indiana) that had enacted legislation at the time of the search. We then selected an additional 2 states (New Hampshire and California) on the basis of criteria aimed at ensuring that the sample was diverse geographically, politically, and in terms of immunization policies. In addition to geographic region—New England and the western states were not well represented in the sample—we examined each state's ethnic composition, purchasing policies for vaccines generally, and laws concerning vaccination mandates and exemptions. To measure the political environment, we examined data on political ideology, religiosity, political party control of government, proportion of women legislators, and whether the year in which HPV bills were introduced was an election year in the state. The HPV vaccination policies considered and adopted by the sampled states are described in [Table 1](#).

TABLE 1—

Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Policies in the 6 Study States, 2006–2008

State	Laws Considered	Legislation or Other Policy Adopted
California	School entry mandateInsurance coverage mandate	None (A.B. 1429, requiring any insurance coverage to be approved by the governor, was vetoed by the governor). Legislation requires schools to provide information to develop the informational materials; requires the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated children to be reported (Pub. Law No. 80 [2007]).
Indiana	School entry mandateProhibition on school entry mandateEducational campaign	No legislation adopted, but the Department of Health is in charge to girls aged 11 to 18 years.
New Hampshire	Add HPV vaccine to state immunization program (by administrative decision)	Legislature appropriated \$5 million to provide information to develop the informational materials; requires the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated children to be reported (Pub. Law No. 80 [2007]).
New York	School entry mandateInsurance coverage mandateEducational campaign	Legislature overrode the governor's 2007 veto of the school entry mandate. Legislation requires schools to provide information to develop the informational materials; requires the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated children to be reported (Pub. Law No. 80 [2007]).
Texas	School entry mandate (imposed by executive order)Prohibition on school entry mandateEducational campaign	Legislation formally requires vaccination for girls aged 11 to 18 years. Informational materials about the vaccine are being developed by the Department of Health.
Virginia	School entry mandateInsurance coverage mandate	Legislation formally requires vaccination for girls aged 11 to 18 years. Informational materials about the vaccine are being developed by the Department of Health.

About *N. meningitis* and the meningitis vaccines

While meningitis sounds frightening and the infection can be serious, here are 18 important, yet little-known, facts about the infection and about the meningitis vaccines you need to know:

1. In the **10-year period** between 1998-2007, **only 2,262 cases** of meningitis were reported in the United States. Within a population of more than 300 million, that number is negligible and not worth vaccinating millions for “protection.”
2. Of the 2,262 cases, **11.3% cases were fatal**. Not to minimize the loss of life, but that also means that nearly **89% of people survived and recovered**.
3. Meningitis **does not spread rapidly**. According to the **Meningitis Research Foundation**, the bacterium can only live for a few moments outside the human body, so it is not spread by casual contact and is not passed along on clothing, bedding, toys or dishes.
4. In fact, **the Foundation** goes on to say the **risk of the infection is very low** and 97 out of 100 cases occur in isolation, **with no other cases**.
5. *Neisseria* has **12 known bacterial strains**, with serogroups A, B, C, W, X, and Y causing almost all infections worldwide. There are five *N. meningitidis* vaccines approved for use in the U.S.:
 1. Menomune, for serotypes A, C, Y, W-135, approved in 1981
 2. Menveo, for serotypes A, C, Y, W-135, approved in 2010
 3. Menactra, for serotypes A, C, Y, W-135, approved in April 2011
 4. Trumenba, for serotype B, approved in October 2014
 5. Bexsero, for serotype B, approved in January 2015
6. Before – **not after** – the introduction of the meningococcal conjugate vaccines, the incidence of meningitis in the United States was already at **an historic low**.
7. Since the introduction of the meningitis vaccines, **no significant decrease** in serogroup C or Y infection has been seen.

8. **Menomune, Menactra, and Menveo**, recommended for middle school and college, **do not generate antibodies against the most common form of the illness, serotype B.**
9. Menomune still contains **mercury**.
10. Bexsero contains **1,500 mcg of aluminum** *per dose*, **the highest amount in any single vaccine.**
11. There have been **no safety studies** investigating the injection of Menomune at the same time as other vaccines even though several vaccines, including flu shots or the teen pertussis vaccine, are often given together.
12. None of the meningitis vaccines have **been tested** for carcinogenicity (ability to cause cancer), mutagenicity (ability to disrupt genes) or the ability to interfere with fertility. This holds true for **all** vaccines.
13. Many reports have been filed with the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS), documenting vaccine side effects.
 1. The most recently approved vaccines **Trumenba** (2014) and **Bexsero**(2015), have nearly **3,000 adverse events** filed with VAERS.
 2. **Menactra** has been included in **18,646** VAERS reports.
14. Meningitis vaccines may be dangerously disrupting the body's ability to create its own **natural "protection mechanism" against meningitis infection.**

The incidence of meningococcal disease **decreases rapidly beginning in the second year of life**, coincident with the natural colonization by *Neisseria lactamica*, a normal flora in the nasopharynx in young children. Before 10 years of age, when *N. lactamica* colonization is common and protective. When colonization by *Neisseria meningitidis* occurs later in life, the antibodies generated earlier against *N. lactamica* cross-react and **contribute to natural immunity and defense against meningitis infection.**

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15. Serotype B vaccines have not been manufactured until very recently because the sugar sequences on the surface of this bacteria are very similar to the sugar sequences on the surface of

human brain and nerve cells. Therefore, vaccine-induced antibodies against serotype B could attack the brain and the nerves, causing a debilitating, life-long, **autoimmune reactions**.

16. **Bexsero** was approved soon after an unofficial trial at Stanford University in 2013. Read my full report about the slick maneuver Novartis pulled on American parents to get this vaccine approved.

17. *N. meningitidis* vaccines **do not have a** long lasting effect. In fact, the CDC admits:

As part of the licensure process, both meningococcal conjugate and serogroup B meningococcal vaccines showed that they produce an immune response that *suggests* the vaccines are protective, **but there are limited data available on how well they work to protect against disease...**

Available data suggest that protection from meningococcal conjugate vaccines **decreases in many within 5 years**....Early data on serogroup B meningococcal vaccines suggest that protective antibodies also **decrease fairly quickly** after vaccination.

Parents, Once Again, You're Being Lied To

The CDC, the media, colleges, universities and especially pediatricians have terrorized parents into vaccinating their college-aged kids saying that they are a “greatly increased risk” of contracting meningitis if they live in a dorm.

You may have heard statements such as this:

College freshmen living in dormitories were **more than seven times** as likely to acquire the infection leading to meningitis than college students in general and **three and a half times as likely** as the population of 18- to 23-year-old non-students.

That's interesting because in one of the early CDC papers (2005) on vaccinating college students with the meningitis vaccine actually said something very different:

A retrospective cohort study conducted in Maryland during 1992–1997 indicated that **the overall incidence of meningococcal disease among college students was similar to students of the same age who are not going to college** (1.7/100,000 and 1.4/100,000, respectively); however,

rates of infection among students living in dormitories were higher than rates among students living off campus (**3.2/100,000** and **1.0/100,000**, respectively; $p = 0.05$).

U.S. surveillance data from the 1998–99 school year indicated that the overall rate of meningococcal disease among **college students** **was lower** than the rate among persons aged 18–23 years who were **not enrolled in college** (0.7 and 1.4/100,000, respectively).

So, **Fact #18** points out that increasing the risk from 1 per 100,000 to 3.2 per 100,000 makes it “three times” the risk. This blatant number twisting happens all the time; one must dig to find the truth.

Here’s another example:

Over a 10 year period, 1,039 meningitis cases that were reported in Oregon (1993–2004). **Only 10 cases** (<1%) occurred in four-year college students (0.7/100,000 students). Of these, there was a single death; it was caused by a serogroup B strain.

Universities, colleges, and their governing boards are not protected from liability by the National Injury Injury Compensation Act of 1986 (NVICP.) Parents are being forced to inject their children with a vaccine that offers little and has many risks in exchange for a \$20,000 to \$50,000+ per year education. This college “mandate” needs to be seriously challenged, perhaps even in court.

What Your Student Can Do to Keep Well

Here is a list of the most important things you can encourage your college teen to do:

- Get more sleep, eat better food, get fresh air – often hard to do in college, but a good habit to adopt as a life-time skill.
- Don’t share lip-gloss or lipstick.

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water.
- If you have had close contact with a person who has had a fever and meningitis is suspected, a 7-day course of prophylactic antibiotics — given with a good quality probiotic — may be prudent.
- Gargle or wash out the nasal passages with colloidal silver or with a Lugol's solution and a netty pot at least once a week.
- Take Vitamin C Natural sourced
- Keep your Vitamin D level around 80 ng/ml can both be very supportive to the immune system.

Each of these suggestions is definitely better than acquiescing to an unnecessary vaccine that offers little protection and can potentially lead to serious, long term autoimmune consequences.

Think Before You Vaccinate — Health Does Not Come Through a Needle.

From Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, DO

Over 19 years, **only 15%** of all influenza-like illness was caused by influenza viruses.

Source:

CDC: Weekly Flu Activity & Surveillance Reports
Oct.(wk 40) to May (wk 20)
each year.
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly> and MMWR
summary reports for each year

YEAR	Total Specimens Tested	Total Influenza Viruses Isolated	% swabs that were influenza	19 year average
1997-98	99,072	12,929	13.05	
1998-99	102,105	14,512	14.21	
1999-00	106,768	14,681	13.75	
2000-01	99,497	10,506	10.56	
2001-02	109,139	16,402	15.03	
2002-03	96,871	9,841	10.16	
2003-04	130,577	24,649	18.90	
2004-05	157,759	23,549	14.92	
2005-06	179,772	11,145	11.91	
2006-07	179,268	23,753	13.20	
2007-08	225,329	39,827	17.67	
2008-09	173,397	24,793	14.29	
2009-10	468,218	91,152	19.46	
2010-11	246,128	54,226	22.03	
2011-12	169,453	22,417	13.22	
2012-13	311,333	73,130	23.49	
2013-14	308,741	53,470	17.31	
2014-15	691,952	125,462	18.13	
2015-16	639,456	64,921	10.15	



15.34%

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means :

I will continue to voice my opposition to HB 3063 and the severe consequences around all aspects of this bill including the impact in Oregon Schools and Education Programs. As I heard during the Public Hearing in Portland last night, Oregon programs are struggling financially, just trying to maintain the programs already in place.

As you know adopted ([Amendment 13](#)) excludes children from schools and school sponsored activities even if they are missing ONE vaccine. This includes all after school programs, daycare facilities, (public and private) parks and rec centers, libraries and non-profit organizations like the Boys and Girls Club that receive state/program funding or offer student programs and will have to comply with OHA policy. With the possibility becoming effective July 2019, if declared an emergency. Adopted Amendment 13 gives parents only one option for education for students through the virtual/online program.

I'm also aware that [Senate Bill 667](#) relating to enrollment capacity for online/virtual school students at 5% in each district has been proposed, is that correct? How will you accept this influx of students into the online programs if they are not in compliance to attend public schools? If a district meets capacity, will excess students be denied an option for education?

I noticed in the [ODE Progress Report](#) this week that implementation is really behind in tracking measurable performance results for these alternative programs. Stating lack of resources as the main issue. We can agree that the lack of progress is disappointing and the writing is on the wall that this House Bill will send our struggling students (lower and high education), graduation rates and education system over the edge. Does this align with our Student Centered Values?

I'm hoping you will join me in putting Oregon Students first and oppose HB 3063.

Sincerely,

Bethany Penhall
Bend, OR

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March 21, 2019

Honorable Betsy Johnson
Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Honorable Dan Rayfield
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon Legislature
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: In Support of the OSU Statewides – Senate Bill 257

Dear Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair Rayfield, and members of the Committee:

The Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs – the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory (the “OSU Statewides”) – provide essential research and outreach services in all 36 counties in Oregon. Program scientists and extension agents contribute expertise and advice to address environmental quality, health, and economic development issues facing Oregonians across the state.

James Beard Public Market, a project of The Historic Portland Public Market Foundation, is making plans to develop on the campus of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Operating as a non-profit organization, the Public Market will showcase the quality and diversity of Oregon’s farming and food economy. It will host 50+ independent businesses selling Oregon food, provide unique economic development opportunities, help bridge the urban-rural divide, and create a destination that will promote agri-tourism and support the development of local community food systems.

The OSU Statewides are an essential partner of the Public Market through their work helping farmers and food producers from across Oregon grow, develop, and bring their products to market. The OSU Statewides nurture the entrepreneurial spirit of Oregon farms and food-related businesses and the jobs they create.

With the help and support of a wide variety of interest groups and stakeholders, the OSU Board of Trustees has 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 and helping bridge the economic divide between urban and rural Oregon.

James Beard Public Market enthusiastically supports the OSU Statewides. 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 for the programs. We encourage the Ways and Means Committee to 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.

Very truly yours,



Fred M. Granum
Executive Director
James Beard Public Market

March 14, 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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Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

OSU Statewides, and specifically the OSU Food Innovation Center has been integral to the development of my unique food product line – Savorease Therapeutic Snacks geared towards improving nutrition for those affected by swallowing and chewing difficulties. This issue affects over 25 million people in the U.S. today and is a global issue. For the past 5 years I have developed this product line which is ready for commercialization this year.

But I would like to draw your attention to the importance the team at the Food Innovation Center have played in the development of this product, which could have significant long term, positive impact on the Oregon economy.

Where it began:

The collaboration began in early 2016, the founder met Sarah Masoni and Jason Ball, two experienced and creative food scientists at the Food Innovation Center, Oregon State University's food business incubator. FIC is the State's primary provider of food and beverage-related research and development. This resource offered me the opportunity to create a product line that could be competitive in the domestic and global marketplaces and at the same time advance food technology but maintain within food safety requirements and production needs. Taste For Life, LLC (TFL) quickly moved from ideation to product development of Savorease Therapeutic Snacks. Food testing groups were conducted regularly to evaluate the characteristics of the product line. This was the first time FIC was involved in a therapeutic food with strict caloric requirements, textural levels, handling properties, costs and overall appeal to a particular demographic. FIC has supported early proof of concept work with ingredient acquisition, equipment, human resources, on-site training of equipment use for bench top research and space given to allow for early food production needs. FIC provides long-term shelf stability testing in an analytic support lab, packaging consulting and networking opportunities. ODA is also housed in the same space and has offered to provide support in terms of export and domestic market development, and third-party audits for food safety and compliance.

The product line stands to disrupt not only the nutraceutical market space but also the food and beverage industry.

Through this production support TFL successfully acquired its first customer in two memory care facilities in Oregon before the product is commercially launched.



FIC has developed a new goal of expansion of services to help companies and universities create medically tailored foods. This broader view of client base and community needs, continues to strengthen their commitment to the commercialization success of Savorease Therapeutic Snacks.

Preliminary Research Validation at FIC:

Innovating foods for the healthcare market requires the development of evidence to support the values of the food to the end user. FIC helped in this effort by training me on their instrumentation that measures product physical characteristics. The physical properties of the crisps were tested in vitro using the Instron universal testing machine (model 5943, Instron Co., Canton, Mass., U.S.A.). Of interest, was measuring the minimal mechanical force required to fracture the crisp in the dry and wet state.

In collaboration with Jason Ball at FIC, I developed and executed in 2018 a clinical study to test the dissolution in the mouth of Savorease transitional snacks as compared to leading brands. This was the first clinical study ever performed at FIC and served as an example of the potential use of the space for further clinical based research. This study was designed to prove the safety of the snacks in older individuals with dry mouth and normal saliva. The outcomes have been very promising.

Current status:

Currently Savorease therapeutic snacks are produced at the Food Innovation Center (FIC) in Portland, OR. FIC has product development kitchens which can also be used to validate the product market fit with sampling products and small scale commercially viable product.

The Future: Economic Impact and Job Creation Potential

The food and beverage industry was identified by Business Oregon as a major growth sector in Oregon, and a key opportunity for creating jobs, raising incomes and reducing poverty in rural and urban Oregon. This innovation merges life science research and innovation with the food and beverage industry. To explain, it is through extensive market research, food science research and clinical research, Taste for Life is a company poised to make a significant impact to both healthcare and food and beverage industries by expanding the concept of food as medicine to medically tailored snack foods that are targeted to our elderly population with chronic illness leading to higher risks of malnutrition. With data showing that over the next five years, the number of people over the age of 65 is expected to grow at an annualized rate of 3.2% to 61.6 million, this will drive demand for age-specific nutraceuticals.

The nutraceutical industry offers an insight into how beneficial growth of this business could significantly impact Oregon economy. As of now, Oregon is not manufacturing nutraceuticals or therapeutic snacks. In 2015 the nutraceutical market in US was valued at \$68 billion and CAGR is at 5.3% till 2024 according to IBIS reports. Currently, Nutraphagia LLC is the only other company in the U.S. that has launched a transitional snack product for easy swallowing. The company is located in Portland, OR, but they are producing their snacks in Canada. It is my goal to continue to develop medically tailored foods in Oregon with a long term expansion effort geared to the development of a large scale food manufacturing facility which will require hiring of qualified workers with necessary mechanical and technical skills as well as management, marketing and entrepreneurial talent. Through our preliminary market research in Oregon, the product shows appeal in hospitals, assisted living facilities, home health, and memory care facilities. Because risks of malnutrition in the elderly is pervasive across geographic



zone, this product line has the potential to expand from the Pacific Northwest to nationwide, and globally. Oregon's proximity to large populations in Canada and Asia offers the geographic competitive advantage to export this innovative food line and participate in the global improvement in health and nutrition. Creating a new market in the medically tailored food space in Oregon has the potential to substantially improve the Oregon economy and enhance the value potential in Oregon-identified food products.

Please support Oregon Statewides- a valuable resource to entrepreneurs in our state who want to improve consumer products and therefore, quality of life of individuals not only in Oregon but beyond our borders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reva Barewal', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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I was disappointed to hear there was consideration of **HB 3063** last night – I have been following it on OLIS and did not see it listed. I wanted to give testimony:

Some children who need medical exemptions under this bill will not be able to receive them.

My child almost died after a vaccine (unresponsive with a blood sugar of 32) at 18 months.

We have since discovered autoimmune disease in both of his dad and myself.

Our physician would give him and his brothers a medical exemption if allowed to exercise his own professional judgement.

But he can't. He must follow the CDCs Best Practices Guidance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) under the oversight of the Oregon Health Authority or risk losing his license.

I know people putting forth these bills believe it is in the best interest of the people of Oregon.

But it is being done at the expense of children who truly need medical exemptions.

These exemptions should be determined in consultation with our physicians.

...could there be abuse of the system? Absolutely.

But if it saves some Oregon children from having acute reactions or triggering autoimmune disease, it is worth it.

Just as Oregon deems it is worth it to consider force-vaccinating people to protect the very few among us that are severely immunocompromised.

Uniquely, I also had another experience. My 2nd son, I believe, GOT rotavirus from the rotavirus vaccine.

It was atrocious. I have never seen anyone that sick. He was 2 months old.

If either of these events had occurred in Oregon under forced vaccination conditions, I would have absolutely hired legal counsel to see if I could sue the state of Oregon for

- 1) lack of informed consent (no doctor ever told me you could have serious reactions to vaccines, no doctor ever told me you could GET the disease the vaccine was trying to prevent)
- 2) lack of effectiveness of the vaccine that was supposed to protect us
- 3) serious side effects with life-long implications.

It was different when it was my own choice.

And I know vaccine manufacturers have not been liable since 1988.

But Oregon should be if they force this upon everyone, especially children with pre-existing autoimmune issues or histories of reactions.

There is no emergency.

“According to CDC data, 12 of the 26 measles outbreaks in the past five years (involving more than five cases) centered on tight-knit communities, which Messonier defines as people of a similar background who share values and beliefs and interact often. And because these outbreaks have been bigger, they account for 75 percent of recent measles cases.” (VOX, <https://www.vox.com/2019/3/19/18263688/measles-outbreak-2019-clark-county>)

This, coupled with the recent outbreak not spreading to the larger community demonstrates 1) how well local health authorities did and 2) we DO have strong herd immunity. It was not spread.

Still, if measles is the emergency, deal with the MMR.

Lumping every other vaccine in as an emergency will cost Oregon money when there is no emergency.

And all of this emotional outcry you are getting from people who want to retain their non-medical exemptions will be tempered by the belief Oregon thoughtfully implemented a risk-based vaccine policy rather than took advantage of an outbreak to push a public health agenda.

Sample of vaccine costs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/vaccine-management/price-list/index.html#pediatric>

Example:

1) Hep B (transmitted via sex or needles not through casual contact) (CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/index.htm>)

2) Hep A “No specific treatment exists for hepatitis A. Your body will clear the hepatitis A virus on its own. In most cases of hepatitis A, the liver heals within six months with no lasting damage.” (Mayo Clinic, <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/hepatitis-a/diagnosis-treatment/drc-20367055>) “Most (70%) of infections in children younger than age 6 are not accompanied by symptoms.” (CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/havfaq.htm#A2>)

3) polio (no cases originating in the US since 1979 and no cases brought here internationally since 1993, (CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/polio/us/index.html>)

Thank you for your time and consideration of the health and safety of my children as well as all Oregonians.

Krista Anderson

From: [Susana Efimov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [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: Concerns regarding HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 10:52:42 AM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Members,

I appreciate you coming to Portland on March 21 and allowing the citizens of Oregon to voice their concerns. Unfortunately, there was a large number of people at the hearing, and I was unable to speak, as there was not enough time. I am writing to you in regard to HB3063. I am extremely concerned about this bill and how it will affect Oregon.

As a business and accounting major, we were taught that risk is necessary for success. However, you should only take the risk if, and only if, the benefits outweigh the risks. It is no secret that vaccines contain many harmful ingredients and are created as a "one size fits all". Those ingredients are extremely toxic, and could cause serious injuries, especially in young children. I understand that vaccines have many benefits, and do work. However, the current vaccines comes with a high price tag, and the risks outweigh the benefits. Instead of forcing parents to give their children toxic vaccines, why don't we focus on creating safer vaccines? Safer vaccines will help us all reach the same goal in a more civilized manner. We can, and must, do better.

Looking at it from a financial perspective, forcing parents to vaccinate their children will make the state vulnerable to many different lawsuits. How will the state afford to fight these lawsuits? How is the court system going to handle the increased number of cases when they don't have enough funding or staff to keep up with their current cases? Additionally, should a child become injured from a vaccine, they will need extra care, special education, and may possibly be disabled for the rest of their life. Parents will then have to stay home to care for the injured child, and be unable to work. Thus, falling into the low-income bracket and needing additional assistance from the state. How will the state pay for these additional expenses?

The passing of HB3063 would be a devastating and sad time for many Oregon families, such as my own. We moved to Oregon almost 3 years ago and absolutely love it here. However, my children are my top priority and I will protect them by any means necessary. If HB3063 passes, my children will have no educational future here. We will be packing our bags and moving elsewhere. I hope you make the right decision for the citizens of Oregon and America as a whole, by not passing this bill. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susana Efimov

From: [Tom Soma](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Cc: [Rep Meek](#); [Rep Bynum](#); [Sen Olsen](#)
Subject: Written testimony in support of HB 3178 (modifying the allocation formula for grants to regional assessment centers)
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 11:30:41 AM

As an attendee at yesterday's State Budget Community Hearing in Portland, I want to thank you for the time you devoted to hearing from as many constituents as possible. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming number of participants, I was unable to speak. So I appreciate your invitation to submit testimony in written form. I'm likewise grateful for your expressed commitment to embrace the "two-minute" written statement below with the same attention you extended those who testified in person.

Senator Betsy Johnson, Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Representative Dan Rayfield, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means:

As Executive Director of Children's Center (Clackamas County's nationally-accredited child abuse intervention center), I write to advocate for funding of HB 3178. This isn't just *effective* legislation—it's *essential* to the future health of Oregon's children and families.

The United States CDC recognizes child abuse and neglect as the nation's most expensive long-term health care issue. Left untreated, the lifetime cost to society of each victim is now estimated at more than \$212,000—making this a critical threat not only to government, but to business and workforce vitality as well.

Left in the grossly underfunded environment in which we currently operate, Oregon's 21 child abuse intervention centers are seriously at risk. The very modest \$6 million allocation proposed under HB 3178 would effectively cover the projected lifetime cost of just 28 victims. With literally *thousands* of *founded* incidences of child maltreatment in Oregon each year—and a statutory mandate to provide professional medical examinations and forensic interviews for each suspected victim in a child-friendly environment, Oregon faces a critical choice: invest a little bit now or expect a huge bill later.

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At Children's Center, government funding (from federal, state, and local sources) amounts to less than one-third of our annual operating budget; our state allocation (through CAMI) covers just 14%. By contrast, ***fundraising now accounts for more than 45% of our revenue.*** Given the fact that much of our work is statutorily mandated, such dependence on philanthropic support is *inappropriate*. it's also *unsustainable* in light of national tax reform that has considerably disincentivized donors whose previously-deductible contributions are the core of our support.

To be clear, HB 3178 would not *solve* the funding challenge of Oregon's child abuse

intervention centers. But it's a considerable step in the right direction. The \$6 million allocation would bring total state support of our collective efforts closer to 30% of our combined budgets (and to about 25% at Children's Center). With that breathing room, Children's Center would be able to increase access to our recently-launched treatment program and considerably extend our prevention efforts—the two most cost-effective investments with the greatest downstream return.

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As with many of society's most pressing social problems, abuse and neglect don't exist in a vacuum; there's a clear and compelling correlation between child maltreatment and housing instability, serious physical and mental health conditions, poor school performance, and other adverse health outcomes. But through the assessment services offered by Oregon's child abuse intervention centers, we reduce the trauma experienced by children and provide them opportunities to heal. If we're to continue our important work, the state must be a more invested partner. So, I strongly urge you to fully fund HB 3178.

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From: [Mariana Friedman](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 11:44:20 AM

Hello, and thank you for your time.

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE this is even necessary, when Oregon's vaccination rates are already above Herd Immunity Threshold? The current laws are working.

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE enough to deny thousands of Oregon children daycare, summer camp and education outside their home, even the ability to appear in public? As well as denying at least one parent the ability to work?

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE Our schools can handle the the funding loss of a mass exodus from our public schools and the possible closure of small private schools?

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE enough to watch hundreds of family's move out of the state, stripping Oregon of small businesses, valued employees and tax revenue?

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE That the state of Oregon is ready to fight FAPE lawsuits after denying education to special needs students?

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE?

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RE: Support for Senate Bill 357

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

I am the Executive Director of the Campaign for Equal Justice and live in Portland. I was at the Joint Ways & Means Committee Community Hearing last night, but was not called to testify. Therefore, I am submitting my testimony in writing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 357 to increase state funding for civil legal aid.

The Campaign for Equal Justice (CEJ) is an advocacy organization dedicated to increasing support for civil legal aid in Oregon. The CEJ was founded in 1991 by Oregon lawyers to increase access to justice in Oregon by supporting Oregon's legal aid programs. Since 1991 CEJ has raised over \$28 million in support of legal aid through our annual fund drive. In addition to our annual fund drive, CEJ works to increase state and federal funding for legal aid, educate the community about the civil legal needs of the poor, and helps increase private support for legal aid. In addition, CEJ operates an endowment fund to help build the future of legal aid. CEJ brings together the strength of about 300 lawyer volunteers and 3,000 donors each year who work to increase civil access to justice in Oregon. That is not including the volunteer lawyers who contribute thousands of pro bono hours each year working through legal aid offices in Oregon. Our organization reflects the value that Oregon lawyers share:

fairness and justice. We work closely with the Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Law Foundation, and Oregon's legal aid programs.

Prior to working at the CEJ, I was a legal aid lawyer for over a decade. My time at legal aid has been the most rewarding, challenging, and impactful time of my career thus far. Part social work, part lawyering, being a legal aid lawyer is more than a job, it's a calling. Legal aid lawyers work with our most vulnerable neighbors and community members when they are facing legal emergencies.

Legal aid prioritizes their limited resources to help those in most need: domestic violence and sexual assault survivors; people at risk of losing their housing; and seniors and people with disabilities struggling to gain access to healthcare and other support benefits. Our clients are incredibly brave. They take risks when asserting their rights. It is an honor to work with them to achieve justice together.

A 2018 Civil Legal Needs study that my organization helped commission found that we are meeting less than 15% of the legal needs of the poor. 15 percent. This isn't good enough. I can tell you from personal experience, that the hardest part about being a legal aid lawyer, is telling someone that you can't help them – knowing full well, that they have nowhere else to go.

The health of our system of justice is dependent on everyone having access to it. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance we close with "justice for all." We need programs like legal aid to ensure that the principle our founders envisioned remains alive: justice for all, not just the few who can afford it.

Your support for SB 357 will give legal aid the stability it needs to continue to help vulnerable Oregonians overcome barriers to justice. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify and thank you all for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya Crawford Peacock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maya Crawford Peacock

P.S. I have attached a copy of "Barriers to Justice" the 2018 Study Measuring the Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income Oregonians.

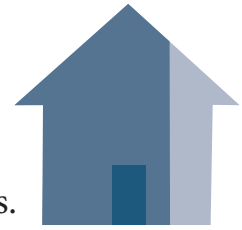
Barriers to Justice

A 2018 STUDY MEASURING THE CIVIL LEGAL NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME OREGONIANS



Legal Problems are Widespread

75% of survey participants live in a household that experienced a legal problem in the previous 12 months.



Legal Problems Multiply

5.4 legal problems were experienced by the typical low-income household in Oregon in the last 12 months.

*Fraud
Denial of Benefits
Unfair Eviction
Child
Restraining Order
Custody*

The Need for Legal Aid Outpaces Resources

84% of people with a legal problem did not receive legal help of any kind.



Methodology

This report is based on a survey conducted in partnership with the Portland State University (PSU) Survey Research Lab. There were 1,017 survey participants from a statewide, address-based sample of 15,000 residents of high-poverty census blocks distributed according to Oregon's population. Participants were initially contacted by mail and completed the survey by mail, phone, or internet. The paper survey was only available in English. The web and phone surveys were conducted in both English and Spanish. PSU collected surveys during the winter of 2017-2018. To participate in the survey, participants had to have a household income at or below 125% of the federal poverty line. This is the same household income limit used to determine eligibility for legal aid in Oregon. The demographic characteristics of survey participants were analyzed (race, age, gender, etc.). The data collected was sufficient to allow for analysis of civil legal needs specific to individual groups. Additionally, researchers conducted door-to-door, in-person surveying in areas of known farmworker concentration, collecting 111 migrant farmworker responses. These were analyzed separately from the rest of the survey. For more information or to view the full statistical report from PSU go to: olf.osbar.org/LNS

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Why Do We Need a Legal Needs Study?



Letter from Chief Justice Martha Walters

Every day in communities around our state, low-income Oregonians seek help from their local legal aid office. These potential clients might include a tenant facing eviction, a single mother needing to file a domestic violence protective order, or a senior citizen who cannot access his food stamps. Legal aid offices take as many cases as they can, but limited resources mean they must turn away most who seek help. This report summarizes the most recent findings about the unmet civil legal needs of low-income people in Oregon.

This is not the first time Oregon has assessed the civil legal needs of its low-income communities. The 2000 Civil Legal Needs Study was the first evaluation of the unmet civil legal needs of low-income people in Oregon since the 1970s. The 2000 study found that there was a high need for civil legal services for people with low and moderate incomes, and that the existing legal services delivery network was not adequately meeting that need. The 2000 study strengthened and spurred ongoing efforts to increase resources to address the critical legal needs of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

With the support of the Oregon Department of Justice, the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Study was commissioned by the Oregon Law Foundation, Oregon State Bar, Oregon Judicial Department, Campaign for Equal Justice, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, and the Oregon Law Center to assess the current ability of low-income individuals to access the civil justice system. The researchers endeavored to gather reliable and useful data to help policy makers, legislators, agencies, funders, and legal aid service providers inform their investment and service decisions. This report summarizes and highlights the key findings of the study.

The study findings are stark. Legal problems are widespread, and the impact they have on the lives of low-income individuals can be life altering. People of color, single parents, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, people with disabilities, those with prior juvenile or criminal records, and youth experience civil legal emergencies at a higher rate than the general public. This report is both an assessment and a call to action. Despite concerted efforts over the past two decades, our state's civil justice system is not meeting the needs of Oregon's poor. When these needs go unmet, the health, safety, and resiliency of individuals, families, and entire communities are impacted.

We can and must do better.

Our justice system must help every Oregonian know what their rights are and understand where to find legal help.

Our justice system must help achieve justice for Oregon's low-income communities by addressing ongoing and large-scale injustices such as racial discrimination and the cumulative effects of poverty over time.

Every Oregonian deserves a justice system that is accessible and accountable. The legitimacy of our democracy depends on the premise that injustices can be addressed fairly within the bounds of the law, no matter who you are or where you live. Let us work together in Oregon, to ensure that justice is a right, not a privilege—for everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Walters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martha" and last name "Walters" clearly distinguishable.

Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

Civil Legal Aid

What is It?

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.

Civil legal aid connects Oregonians with a range of services—including legal assistance and representation; free legal clinics and pro bono assistance; and access to web-based information and forms—that help guide them through complicated legal proceedings. In doing so, civil legal aid helps Oregonians protect their livelihoods, their health and safety, and their families. Legal aid helps people know and defend their rights.

Civil legal aid helps Oregonians of all backgrounds to effectively navigate the justice system, including those who face the toughest legal challenges: children, veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, and victims of domestic violence.

Who Does it Help?

Approximately one in five Oregonians (807,000 people) has a household income below 125% of the poverty level. For a family of four, 125% of the 2018 Federal Poverty Level was \$31,375 per year. Low-income households struggle to afford even basic living expenses of food, shelter, and clothing. Poverty is pervasive in both urban and rural communities. People of color, single women with children, persons with disabilities, and those who have not obtained a high school diploma are overrepresented in the poverty population.

General Study Findings

Legal problems are widespread and seriously affect the quality of life for low-income Oregonians. A vast majority of the low-income Oregonians surveyed experienced at least one legal issue in the last year. These legal problems most often relate to basic human needs: escaping abuse, finding adequate housing, maintaining income, living free from discrimination, and accessing healthcare. Even though their legal problems are serious, most people face them alone.

Problems are Widespread

The legal needs survey asked a series of questions in 18 categories intended to reveal the kind of problems people experienced in the previous year. Each question was designed to reveal an experience where it is likely that either legal help could ease a problem or legal advice could clarify rights and obligations. The goal was to determine the issues that low-income Oregonians experienced where civil legal aid could help. In this report, a yes to one of the issue-specific questions represents a civil legal problem.

75% of study participants reported experiencing at least one civil legal problem in the preceding 12 months.

Problems are Related

Low-income Oregonians rarely experience civil legal problems in isolation, with 61% of households experiencing more than one problem in the prior year. Loss of a job can lead to loss of a home, and experiencing a sexual assault or domestic violence can lead to a torrent of civil legal problems. One-quarter of those surveyed experienced eight or more problems in the last year.

The average low-income household experienced **5.4** civil legal problems over the last year.

Civil Legal Help is Needed

84% of people with a civil legal problem did not receive legal help of any kind.

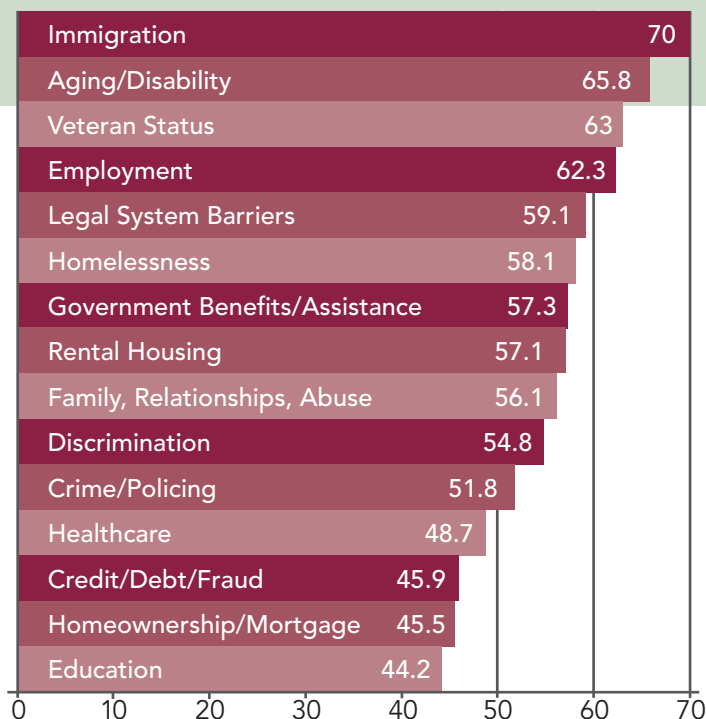
The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to legal representation in criminal cases. This right does not extend to people with civil legal problems. This leaves the majority of low-income Oregonians to face their legal problems alone, without the help of a lawyer, regardless of how complicated or serious the case is.

The Most Harmful and Most Common Problem Areas

Civil Legal Problems Affect People's Lives

Many of the legal problems that low-income Oregonians face relate to essential life needs: maintaining housing, protecting children, or managing a health issue. For low-income Oregonians, these are not *legal issues*. Rather, they are critical *life issues*. What is certain is that poverty absolutely has an effect on the legal problems people face, as well as how those individuals experience the justice system.

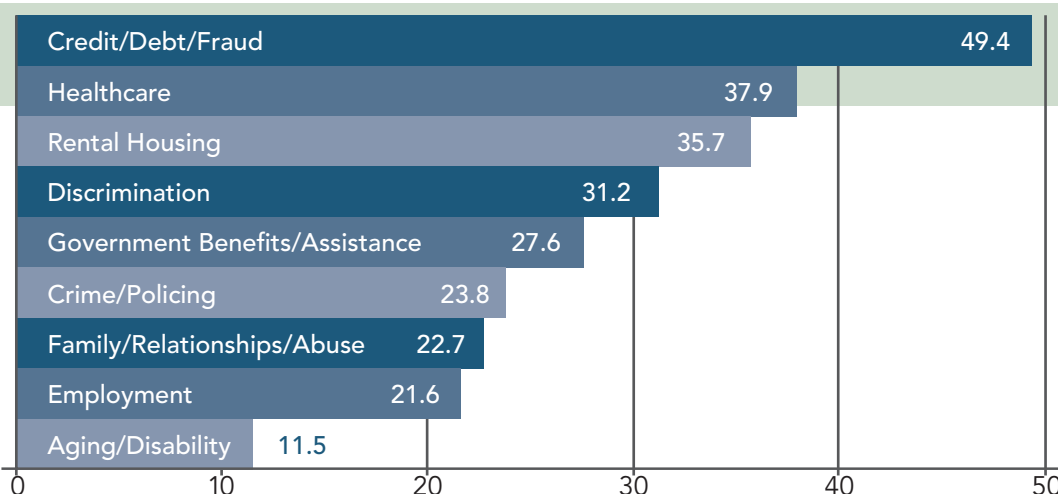
Most Harmful Issues



Percent of participants who experienced a civil legal problem in a given subject area, and who rated the effects of that civil legal problem as either very or extremely negative.

In order to determine which legal problems had the greatest direct impact on people's lives, participants were asked to rate how negatively an issue in a specific legal category affected them or their household. A five-level scale was used: not at all, slightly, moderately, very, or extremely negatively.

Most Common Problems



Percent of households that experienced at least one issue in a problem area in the last year.

Below we highlight some, but not all, of the most critical issues reported in the study. These are issues that are top priorities for legal aid, given the frequency that they occur and the severity of the impact these types of legal problems have on people's lives.

Housing and Homelessness

At the time of this legal needs study, Oregon experienced a housing and homelessness crisis. The fact that this study occurred in the middle of the housing crisis gives us the chance to see the housing-related problems people continue to experience in connection with the crisis. The study shows that in Oregon, many struggle to find affordable housing, many struggle to continue to afford the housing they are in, and nearly 1 in 10 households has experienced homelessness in the last 12 months. For low-income Oregonians, obtaining and maintaining affordable housing is a serious issue no matter what kind of housing is involved.

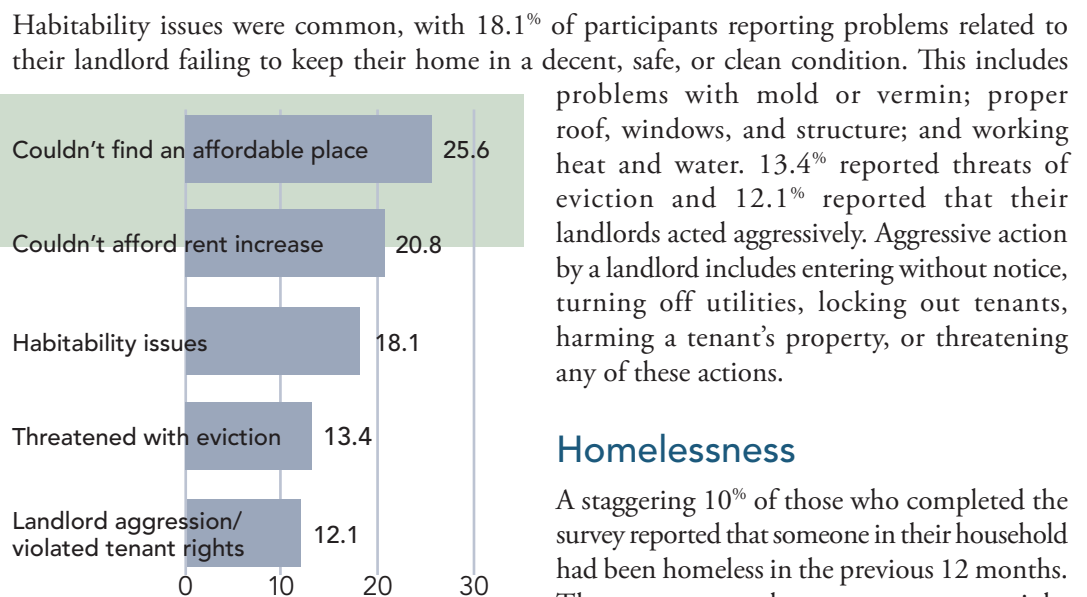
Rental Housing

The study showed that 65% of all participants were renters. Within that category, 81% of African Americans were renters, and 71% of single parents were renters. The two most common rental housing issues are related to the unaffordability of housing: 26% of participants had trouble finding an affordable place to live and 21% reported that they could not afford a rent increase.

53% of renters experienced at least one housing-related issue.

Most Highly Reported Rental Housing Problems

Percent of households that rent that experienced each rental housing problem.



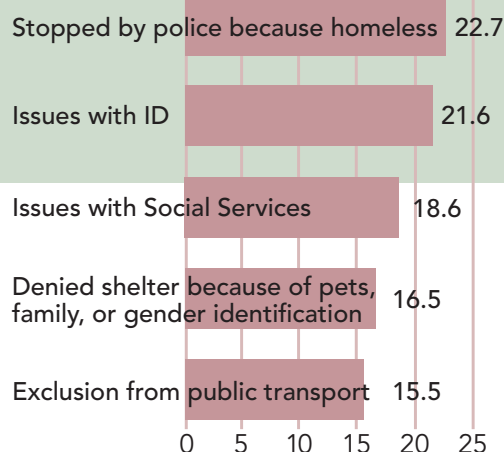
Homelessness

A staggering 10% of those who completed the survey reported that someone in their household had been homeless in the previous 12 months. That percentage bears even more weight considering that the survey was mailed to those currently residing at a physical address. These are individuals who lost their housing and regained it. Those who lost their housing and were unable to find new housing remain uncounted by this survey. Additionally, those experiencing long-term, chronic homelessness were not counted by this survey's methodology. The fact that so many experienced intermittent homelessness speaks to the depth of the housing crisis in Oregon.

Three subgroups stand out as disparately affected by homelessness. First, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault were 6.2 times more likely to be in a household affected

Most Common Civil Legal Problems Reported by Homeless Individuals

Percent of households that reported having someone who was homeless within the prior 12 months that experienced each homelessness-related problem.



10% of survey participants reported a household member had been homeless in the last 12 months.

by homelessness than the rest of the population. Second, those with criminal and juvenile records were 4.4 times more likely to be in a household affected by homelessness than the rest of the population. Third, single parents were over 2.5 times more likely to be in a household affected by homelessness than the rest of the population.

Although homelessness is often considered an urban problem, households in the most rural counties reported being affected by homelessness at a rate more than 3 times higher than that reported in the most urban counties.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA) suffer civil legal problems at significantly higher rates compared to the general population. Their legal problems go beyond family law and abuse issues. They experience a greater rate of legal problems in nearly all of the legal subject areas in the survey: rental housing, homelessness, financial, age and disability, veterans', tribal, employment, farm work, education, government assistance, policing, healthcare, and discrimination. Violence is pervasive, causing ripples that disrupt housing, jobs, and children's educations.

Just under 10% of survey participants reported suffering DV/SA in the previous 12 months. African Americans experienced DV/SA at 2.2 times and single parents experienced DV/SA at 2.4 times the rate of those not in these groups.

Households with DV/SA survivors were:

- 6.2 times more likely to experience the effects of homelessness
- 3.7 times more likely to have an education-related issue
- 3.0 times more likely to have an employment issue
- 2.1 times more likely to have a rental housing problem

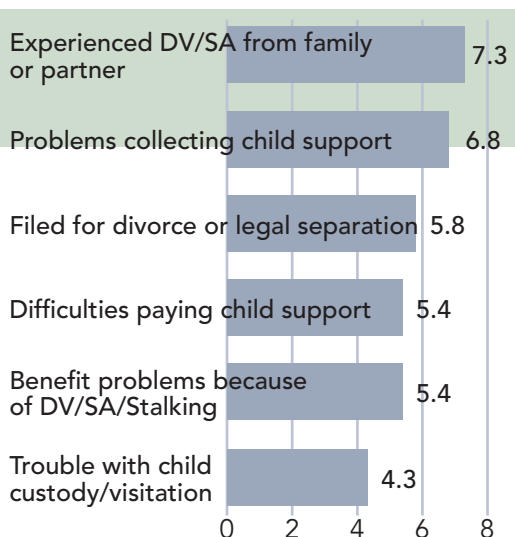


Family

Most Highly Reported Family Law Problems

Family law problems were ranked highly in both severity and frequency by survey participants. Problems related to safety and financial stability were the most critical family law issues. DV/SA at the hands of a family member or partner was the most highly-reported issue, and difficulty collecting child support was the second-most reported family law problem. Single parents and people of color disproportionately experience family law problems; single parents who were surveyed were 2.8 times more likely to have a family law problem, and African Americans were 1.5 times more likely to have a family law problem.

Percent of all participating households that experienced each family or abuse-related problem.

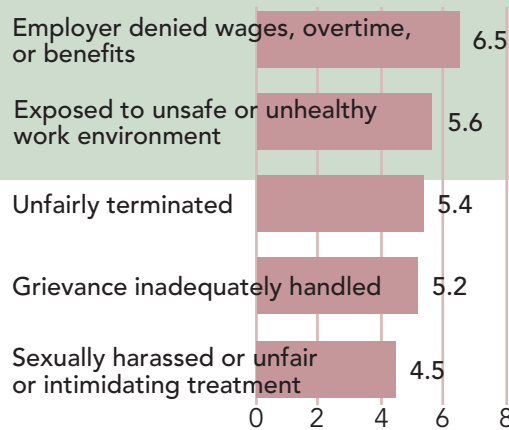


Employment

For 62.3% of survey participants with an employment issue, the problem was very or extremely likely to negatively affect their life. Parenthood and involvement with the criminal justice system increased the likelihood that a survey participant would have an employment legal problem. The more children a participant had, the more likely they were to have an employment law problem.

Most Highly Reported Employment Law Problems

Percent of participating households that experienced each employment problem.



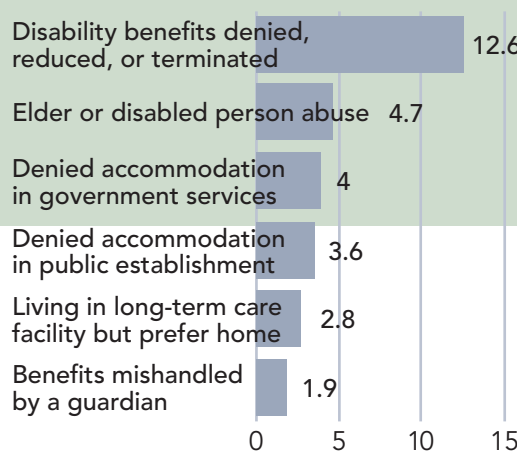
Single parents were 1.4 times more likely to have an issue with employment. People with criminal or juvenile records were 1.5 times more likely to have an issue. Frequency of employment issues was also a problem, as 9% of survey participants reported more than one employment issue.

Aging & Disability

Oregon's community of people with disabilities disproportionately experiences legal problems and is disproportionately low income. Over 44% of the households surveyed included someone with a disability. The survey also highlighted the intersectionality of race and disability, with Native Americans and Asian Pacific Islander participants being 1.9 times more likely to be

Most Highly Reported Aging and Disability-Related Legal Problems

Percent of households that reported having someone over 65 or having someone with a disability that experienced each aging or disability-related problem.



affected by aging and disability-related legal problems. Single parents were 1.7 times more likely to have an issue in this area.

Immigration

As the survey was being conducted, US immigration policy was undergoing significant changes, with an impact on thousands of Oregonians. The immigration section of the survey was designed to determine the need for formal immigration help and the need for legal information to reduce fear experienced by foreign-born individuals.

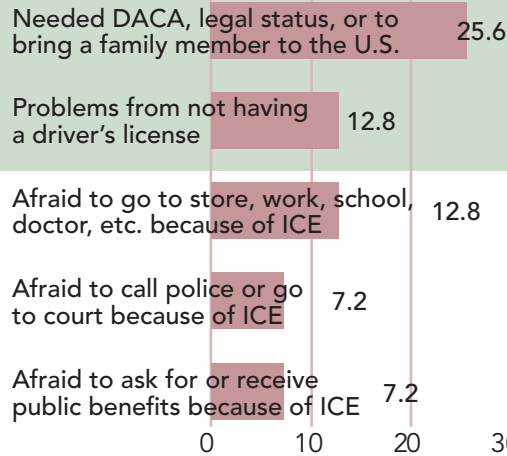
Although only 4% of all survey participants directly experienced an immigration-related legal issue, immigration problems were the most harmful of any legal problem to participants' lives. 13% of households had at least one person born outside of the US, and immigration legal issues were common in these households. For foreign-born households, immigration legal problems

12.8% of foreign-born households feared participating in the activities of daily life—work, shopping, school, seeking medical help—because of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

were as common as rental housing problems were to the overall low-income population. It is also worth noting that there is a likelihood that under-reporting may be taking place as a result of fear of being identified as an immigrant.

Most Highly Reported Immigration Law Problems

Percent of households that reported having a foreign-born individual that experienced each immigration-related problem.



One in three foreign-born study participants had at least one immigration legal problem in their household.

50% of foreign-born/Latinx and foreign-born/Spanish-speaking participants had at least one immigration legal problem in their household.

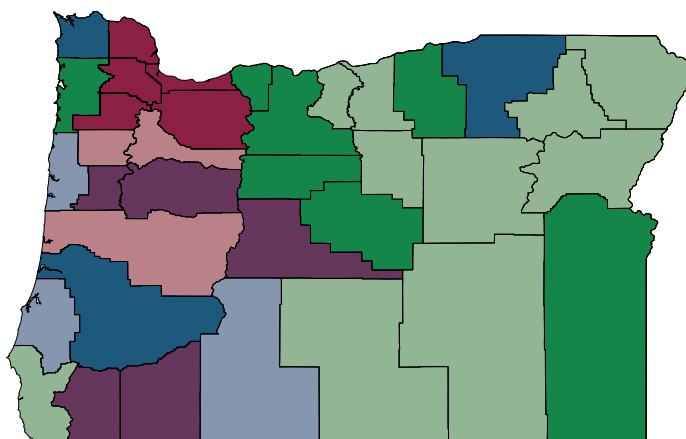
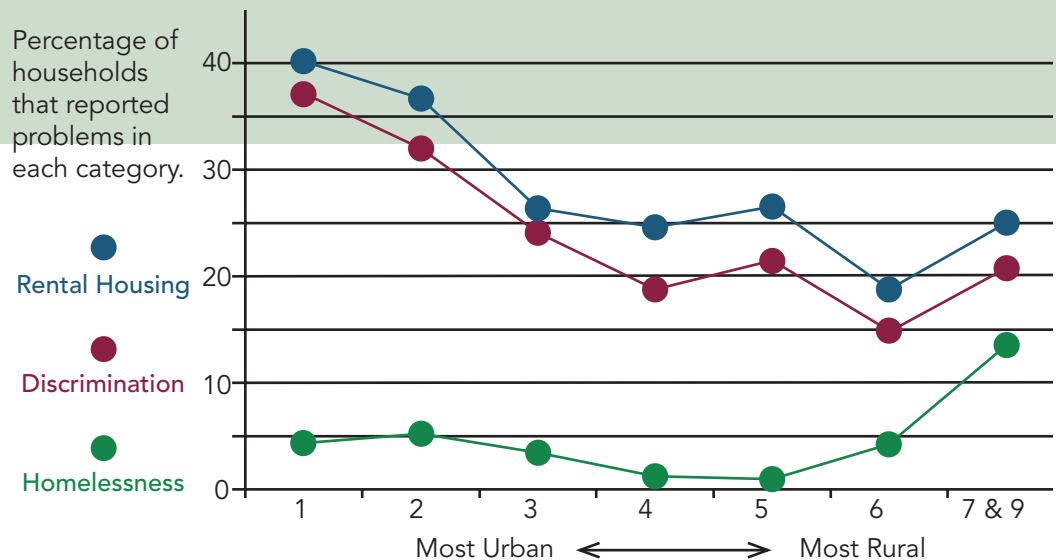
Four in five households with a foreign-born individual of African descent (from anywhere in the world) had at least one immigration legal problem in their household.

25.6% of foreign-born households needed help improving their immigration status: DACA, visa/citizenship, refugee status, etc.

Where You Live Makes a Difference

To highlight geographic differences, responses were categorized and compared based on the urbanization of the county they came from. Problems with rental housing and discrimination become more prevalent the more urban a county is. Homelessness strongly increased in prevalence as counties became more rural.

Effects of Geography on Legal Problems



Population Categories

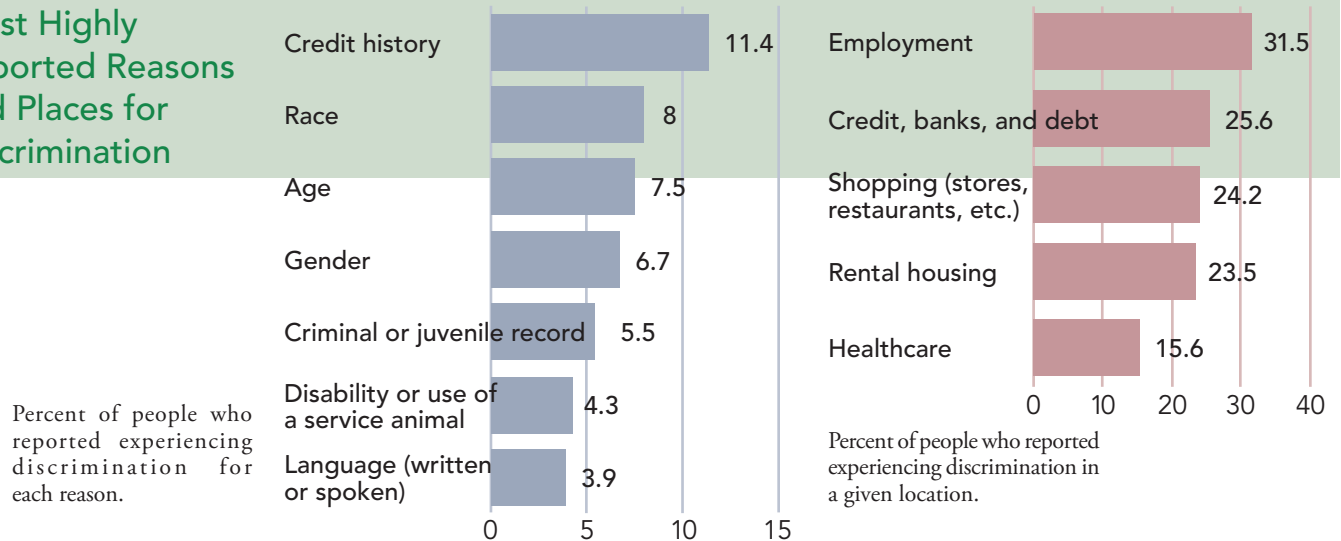
- 1 Metropolitan county with urban population > 1 million
- 2 Metropolitan county with urban population 250k to 1M
- 3 Metropolitan county with urban population under 250k
- 4 Urban population of 20,000 or more and adjacent to a metropolitan county
- 5 Urban population of 20,000 or more and not adjacent to a metropolitan county
- 6 Urban population 2,500 to 20,000 adjacent to a metropolitan county
- 7&9 < 20,000 Urban population not adjacent to an urban area

Discrimination

The survey asked participants if they experienced discrimination in the prior 12 months and where and how that discrimination was experienced.

Although the type of discrimination asked about extended far beyond race and ethnicity, racial and ethnic minorities reported significantly more discrimination:

Most Highly Reported Reasons and Places for Discrimination



Thirty percent of all survey participants experienced at least one form of discrimination. Forty percent of Latinx individuals, 48% of Native Americans, and 51% of African Americans experienced discrimination. People with particular backgrounds also experience discrimination at elevated rates, including 38% of single parents and 51% of people with a criminal or juvenile record.

Systemic Discrimination

African Americans

Oregon's low-income racial and ethnic minorities disparately experience legal problems. The survey shows that in every legal area except one, African Americans experience higher rates of civil legal issues than non-African Americans. Additionally, African Americans reported stronger negative effects than non-African Americans from the civil legal problems stemming from rental housing, tribal membership, education, policing, discrimination, and family and abuse.

African Americans were:

- 2.3 times more likely to experience homelessness
- 2.1 times more likely to experience an education issue
- 1.8 times more likely to experience an issue with policing
- 1.6 times more likely to experience a rental housing issue

Homeownership was the only area where African Americans suffered legal problems at a lower rate than the general population. Explanations for this may include systemic racism and the historic prevention of homeownership by people of color in Oregon. Only 5.9% of African-American participants and 15.7% of Latinx participants own homes, compared to 24% of all participants.

Native Americans

Similar to African Americans, Native Americans experience many more civil legal problems. In 14 of the 17 categories surveyed, Native Americans experience problems at higher rates than non-Native Americans. Native Americans also experience more negative effects from problems connected to rental housing, aging and disability, health care, and family and abuse.

Native Americans were:

- 2.7 times more likely to experience a veteran status issue than non-Native Americans
- 1.9 times more likely to experience an elderly or disability-related issue
- 1.9 times more likely to experience a mobile home issue
- 1.5 times more likely to experience homelessness
- 1.5 times more likely to experience a health care issue

Latinx participants were:

- 15 times more likely to experience immigration issues than non-Latinx Oregonians
- 1.8 times more likely to experience homelessness
- 1.7 times more likely to experience an education issue
- 1.3 times more likely to experience rental issues

Asian Americans were:

- 2.6 times more likely to experience a homeownership issue than non-Asian Americans
- 2.4 times more likely to experience a veterans' issue
- 2.1 times more likely to experience an immigration issue

Latinx

Latinx participants did not experience issues as disparately as African Americans and Native Americans, but did experience higher rates of civil legal issues than non-Latinx individuals in 9 of 17 categories. With only 59% reporting a primary language of English, language can present a significant issue for Latinx individuals trying to find solutions in a legal system that operates in English. 53% of Latinx participants reported being foreign born, and of those who were foreign born, 48% reported an immigration issue in their household. Issues related to rental housing, healthcare, immigration, and discrimination had stronger negative effects for Latinx people.

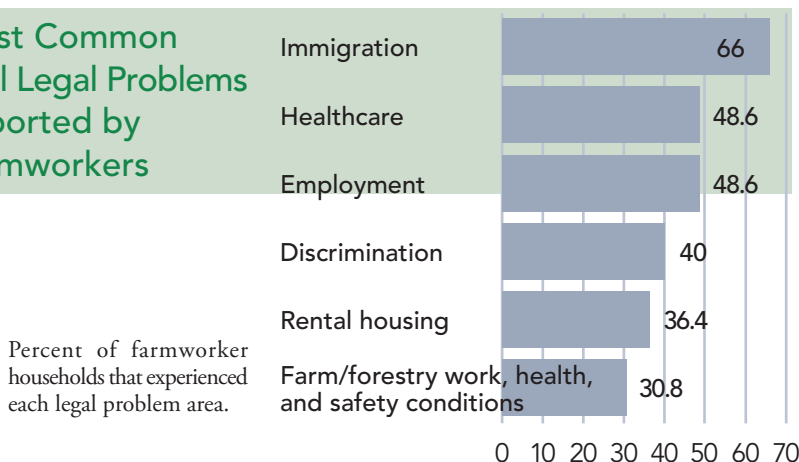
Asian American

Asian American participants experienced legal problems at lower rates across most issue areas. Asian Americans did have some issue areas that stood out, including homeownership, veterans' issues, and immigration issues. However, the most significant barrier to justice was not speaking English. Only 59% of low-income Asian Americans reported English as their primary language.

The Farmworker Experience

Farmworkers stated serious concerns about working conditions, including exposure to pesticides, unsanitary conditions, and substandard wages. A substantial number of workers reported not receiving overtime pay when due or rest breaks. With no access to affordable healthcare, the physical and psychological effects of these conditions worsened. Many workers feared retaliation from their supervisors and authorities for reporting failure to provide basic, safe working conditions.

Most Common Civil Legal Problems Reported by Farmworkers



One of the most powerful themes from the survey was the high level of fear based on immigration status. These findings show an extremely vulnerable population who, for good reason, sees itself as isolated and separate from mainstream society.

Barriers to Justice

84.2% of people who needed a lawyer were unable to obtain one.

People Do Not Know Where to Go For Help

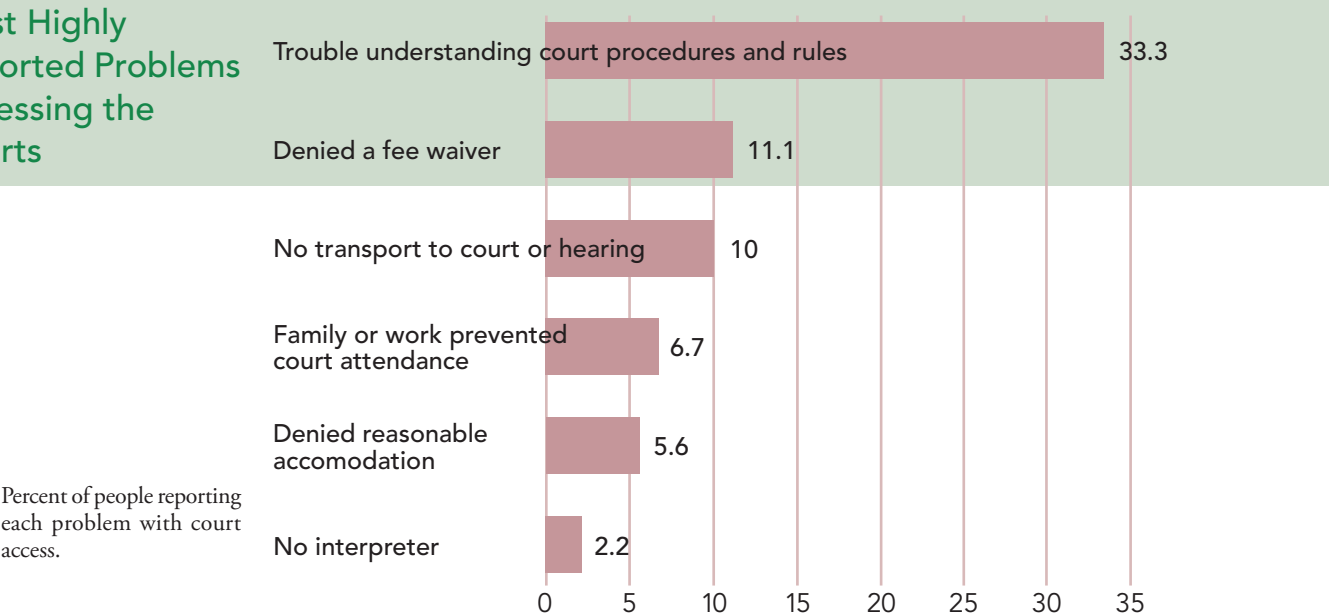
More than half of the survey participants (52.8%) who experienced a legal problem looked for legal help. Only about half of participants (49%) had heard of legal aid. Just under a quarter of participants (23.9%) tried to get a lawyer to help them. Even fewer (15.8%) were successful in obtaining any kind of help from a lawyer, including simple legal advice. For participants who were able to obtain a lawyer, help came from three main sources: private attorneys, either paid or pro bono (49.5%); legal aid lawyers (26.7%); and other nonprofit lawyers (23.8%).

Key findings from survey participants who attempted to address their own legal problems found that: 1) white Caucasians researched legal issues at 1.5 times the rate of people of color; 2) those with internet access researched issues at 1.4 times the rate of those without the internet; and, 3) people with a bachelor’s degree researched at 1.2 times the rate of those with less education. Participants who were the least likely to look for help, and arguably the least likely to know that help exists, were members of the Latinx community, particularly Spanish speakers. Latinx participants researched legal issues at 66% the rate of others, and Spanish speakers researched at 33% the rate of others.

People with Court Hearings Have Trouble Accessing the Legal System

Approximately 10% of participants had a civil or family court hearing in the previous year. Low-income participants reported several barriers to meaningfully participating in the hearing process. The largest barrier was understanding the rules and procedures in court, with more than one in three people reporting this problem. It is hard for court participants to feel a sense of just treatment when they are struggling to simply understand what is going on.

Most Highly Reported Problems Accessing the Courts



When People are Denied Access to Justice, Their Faith in the Legal System Erodes

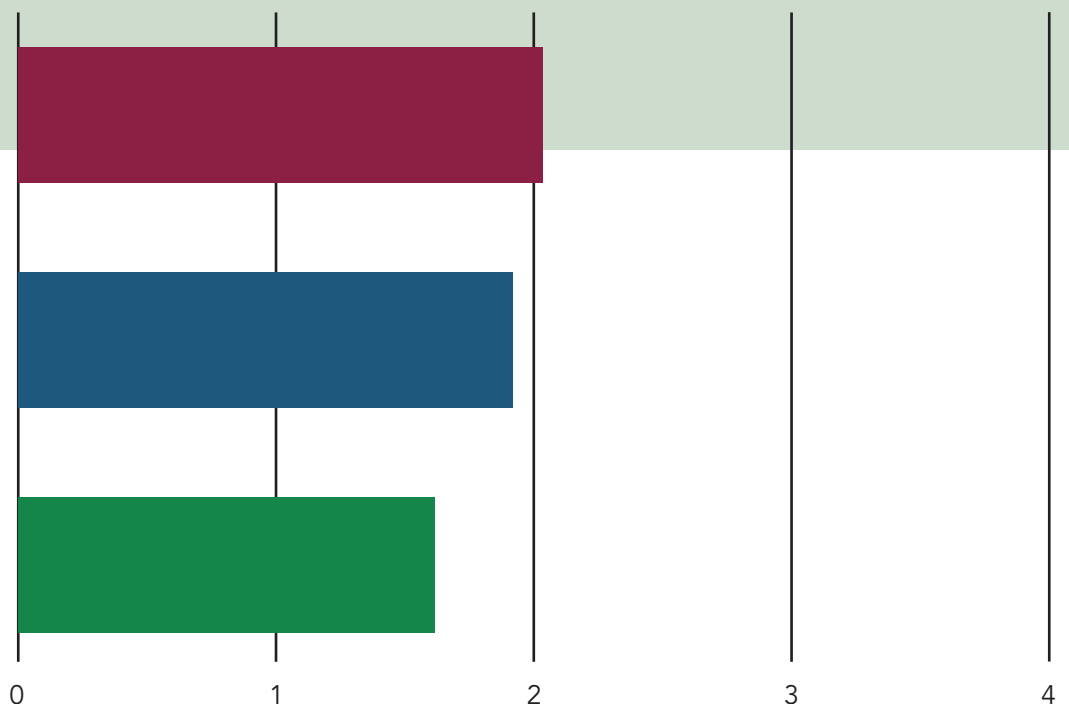
There are costs and consequences to administering a system of justice that denies large segments of the population the ability to assert and defend their core legal rights. When someone needs an attorney and cannot obtain one, they are forced to navigate a complicated civil justice system on their own. The results are most often detrimental to the people involved. This leads to cynicism and distrust of the system, as well as a likelihood that even those with a strong chance of successfully resolving their issue will choose not to engage with the system.

To get a sense of how well the civil legal system provides low-income Oregonians with a feeling of justice, participants were asked in three different ways to rank how often the courts and the civil legal system provide fair results. In the rankings, zero represented the lowest frequency of providing justice and four represented the highest.

On average, participants felt that the civil legal system treated people fairly “some of the time,” and that the civil legal system could help solve problems slightly less than “some of the time.” Participants were least likely to feel the courts could help protect them and their rights, agreeing that only “rarely” to “some of the time” was this true.

Perceived Fairness of the Civil Legal System

- 0 = “Not at all”
1 = “Rarely”
2 = “Some of the time”
3 = “Most of the time”
4 = “All of the time”



- How often do you think you or your family, friends, or neighbors are treated fairly by the civil legal system?
- How often do you think the civil legal system can help you, your family, friends, or neighbors solve the problems identified in the survey?
- How often do you think you or your family, friends, or neighbors can use the courts to protect yourself/themselves and your/their rights?

The Solution

Increased Access to Legal Aid is the Best Way to Meet the Legal Needs of Low-Income Oregonians

When Oregonians 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.

Legal aid provides:

- Free civil legal representation to low-income people
- Brochures, court forms, and self-help materials to help people navigate the justice system
- A website with accessible legal information available to all Oregonians
- Legal help and representation that helps stabilize families and prevent a further slide into poverty

That is why lawyers are trained to guide their clients through the system. Civil legal aid is a lifeline—it is there to protect people with nowhere else to turn.

We must do better than meeting 15% of the civil legal needs of the poor. The biggest obstacle to legal aid playing a greater role in the community's solutions to systemic poverty is legal aid having the financial resources to reach more families when they need legal help. Oregon's legal aid programs increase fairness in the justice system, empower individuals,

and eliminate many of the barriers that block families living in poverty from gaining financial stability. Legal aid is deeply connected to the communities it serves, with established programs and diverse community partnerships to reach people in need.

Oregon's legal aid programs help more than 28,500 low-income and elderly Oregonians each year. Legal aid offices are located in 17 communities and they serve all 36 Oregon counties. Simply put, when legal aid gets involved, the lives of clients and the welfare of communities improve.

Breaking Through Barriers to Justice

According to national standards set by the American Bar Association, the “minimally adequate” level of staffing for legal aid is two legal aid lawyers for every 10,000 poor people. In Oregon we have two legal aid lawyers for every 14,000 poor people. We must recommit ourselves to

Justice Protects



Clara and Diego

Clara found legal aid after being severely injured by Rafe, her partner of 25 years. He came home drunk and started destroying the walls. He flew into a rage when Clara finally said “enough is enough.” Concerned neighbors called 911 and watched as Clara was transported to the hospital with internal bleeding, a broken arm, and irreversible back and neck injuries. Despite years of horror, Clara only sought help when she saw how Rafe's abuse was affecting her adult daughter and her young son, Diego. Legal aid helped Clara gain full custody of Diego and resolve over \$15,000 of misdirected medical bills. They also helped her assume the mortgage that Rafe refused to pay after he moved out, collecting evidence to show that Clara had been contributing all along, although Rafe's was the only name on the loan documents. After suffering at Rafe's hands for decades, Clara credits her legal aid lawyer's patience and skill for giving her the confidence she needed to overcome fear, stand up for her rights, and regain safety. She explained that her lawyer would say, “You can do this. Don't panic. Just come along when you can.” Clara and her son Diego are an inspiration, as is the legal aid lawyer who is helping her navigate this long journey.

the reasonable and necessary goal of providing “minimum access to justice.” The 2014 Oregon Taskforce on Legal Aid Funding, which included elected officials and leaders in the legal community, concluded that we need to double the resources for Oregon’s legal aid programs in order to have minimally adequate access to justice.

What Can I Do? What Can Oregon Leaders do to Address the Civil Legal Needs of Vulnerable Oregonians? Take Action!

When we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we close with “justice for all.” We need programs like civil legal aid to ensure that the very principle our country’s founders envisioned remains alive: justice for all, not just for the few who can afford it.

Educate

Talk about the importance of access to justice. Let people know that civil legal aid is there for those who need help. Share this report. The information in this report is not widely known and it is hard to solve problems that no one is talking about. Let’s amplify the conversation.

Speak Up

Oregon has broad bipartisan support for legal aid at the local, state, and federal levels. As a community, let’s continue our sustained focus on a fair and accessible legal system—a system where our neighbors can know their rights and get the help they need.

Fund Legal Aid

Legal aid is a state, federal, and private partnership. Legal aid receives funding from the State of Oregon, the federal government (Legal Services Corporation), private foundations, Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (Oregon Law Foundation), and private donations (Campaign for Equal Justice). The single best way to increase access to justice is to help us create more legal aid attorney positions.

Justice Heals



Noelle and Poppy

Noelle’s daughter Poppy was born with Apert’s Syndrome, a rare and complex condition that caused her fingers to be fused together. For Poppy to have full use of her hands, she needed very specialized reconstructive surgery. Noelle connected with a surgeon in Boston who specializes in this type of surgery and who was confident that he could give Poppy ten working fingers. But Noelle’s health plan provider denied the request to use this specialist, citing the cost, and insisted that Noelle use a local surgeon. None of the experienced hand surgeons in Oregon felt confident that they could give Poppy ten fingers. The cycle of requests, denials, and appeals for Poppy’s essential surgery went on for three years, despite the Boston specialist waiving his fees to make the surgery less expensive. Noelle desperately wanted Poppy to have ten working fingers before she began kindergarten, and time was running out. Luckily, Noelle found legal aid, and they began working on the next appeal together. Having an attorney step in to ask questions, request documents, and review processes made all the difference. Just before the appeal hearing, the health plan changed course and gave full permission for the surgery on the East Coast. Now Poppy is thriving with ten fully functional fingers, just in time to start school. To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the surgery, Noelle and Poppy threw a “birthday party” for Poppy’s hands and invited their legal aid lawyer to join the celebration.

Justice Unifies



A Vulnerable Community

Legal aid received a call from two community partners about the same problem: a housing complex where the tenants were suffering because the apartments were unsanitary and unsafe. Legal aid met the clients at their homes, and found that there were 8 units in this complex that all had similar problems suggesting that the landlord had not kept up on repairs: extensive mold around exterior walls of most rooms; water damage from leaking toilets; rusted heaters and ovens; leaking fridges; filthy old carpets; and extensive cockroach and spider infestation.

The families did not ask for help or complain to their landlord because they didn't know that they had a right to live in a safe home with a basic standard of livable repair. They were all refugees—an ethnic minority that was persecuted in their own country that fled to the United States for safety. For most of these clients, their only experience with anything like a landlord-tenant relationship was being in a refugee camp. Some feared that they would be attacked or killed if they complained to the landlord, and none felt they could afford to live anywhere else. Legal aid tried to work with the landlord. However, the landlord's disregard for the tenants seemed deliberate—they did not step up and do the right thing, even when they were advised of their responsibilities. Legal aid then filed suit against the landlord and reached a settlement prior to court. The families immediately got some relief from these unacceptable conditions. There is still a long road ahead for them to acclimate and to feel safe, but positive steps have started—with legal aid's help, their voices were heard and their rights respected.



From: [Marcy Troxel](#)
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Subject: Fwd: School Funding and my concerns with mandated vaccinations
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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? 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?

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.

Also, 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?

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.

Sincerely,

Marcy Troxel

March 22, 2019

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Re: Support for House Bill 3063 - Limiting exemptions for vaccinating schoolchildren

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

I live in Portland, work as a litigation partner in a law firm, and am the mother of two children in our public schools. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 3063 to limit the exemptions for vaccinating schoolchildren.

I attended the entirety of last night's committee hearing to testify in support of SB 357 and legal aid. While listening, I noticed that several parents testified against HB 3063, but no one testified in support. I am compelled to write this letter so you know that others are in favor of HB 3063.

In November 2018, my vaccinated 10-year-old child contracted whooping cough (clinical name, pertussis) from, according to the principal, an unvaccinated child at her school. The school had previously sent out a notice to parents that there had been a case of pertussis, but we did not understand that, particularly when the "herd immunity" breaks down, vaccinated children can contract pertussis.

My vaccinated child exposed many people to pertussis during her first two weeks of coughing without a diagnosis, including seniors and an indirect exposure to a newborn infant. As you may know, pertussis is deadly if contracted by newborns and can also be serious for seniors. After my daughter was lab-tested diagnosed with pertussis, she was quarantined for one week and treated with anti-biotics. Family members including her grandparents in their late 70s took prophylactic antibiotics as recommended by the Center for Disease Control. The mother of the newborn infant spent the weekend at the Emergency Room to test the infant. I spent hours on the phone with Multnomah County Health Department to track down all the places my daughter had been in those two weeks. Multnomah County and Washington County Health Departments

sent additional pertussis notices to her school and her two sports teams. Her cough finally stopped in February 2019, as pertussis is also known as the “hundred days cough.”

You must balance many interests when passing bills, including this bill about mandatory vaccinations. I urge you to weigh heavily the public health interest in establishing and maintaining herd immunities through high vaccination rates. Without an extremely compelling reason like a documented medical issue, I strongly support mandatory vaccinations for our children. The parents I heard testify against HB 3063 spoke of fear that their children *might* be harmed by a vaccination. I did not hear any of those parents address how vaccinated families like mine *actually* are harmed when there is an outbreak.

Thank you for considering this testimony and for your leadership in our great state of Oregon.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Julia E. Markley

Julia E. Markley
SW Portland (Multnomah Village)

From: [Sushma Raghavan](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 2508, Portland
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 12:11:06 PM

Please see below testimony that was unheard last night from Saalim Saalim.

My name is Saalim Saalim. I live in Portland and I represent Haki community organization, which works with African refugees to help integrate them into our society.

In 1990, I entered Kenya as a refugee from Somalia. The United Nations took down my name for resettlement. I spent 22 years moving from camp to camp due to violence. Finally in 2012, my name was called and I was given a chance to move to the United States. When I saw my name selected after decades as a refugee I was ecstatic.

The resettlement agency that helped me when I moved to this county was Ecumenical Ministries. They received me, gave me support to succeed and thrive. Today I am trying to pay that forward by serving as an advocate and leader of my community.

Refugee services funding is vital. Many of us like the community elder that is here with me have family still stuck in the camps. We live with the hope that we will be reunited one day. In the mean time, we build lives and help give back to Oregon the state that welcomed us.

Please vote yes to HB 2508.

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My gender pronouns: She/Her/Hers

From: [andrea france](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Opposed HB 3063, Beaverton OR
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 12:18:27 PM

My name is Andrea and I live in Beaverton Or. I am not opposed to vaccinations, I am opposed to letting the government decide what medical procedure my child must receive. Based on family medical history, I have chosen to pick which vaccines I give my son. And this new law will make it nearly impossible to get a medical exemption.

Just like all parents, I am doing what I feel is in best interest of my child's health. I do not believe the government has my child's best interest in mind. Parents should have the right to choose what is best for their child. This new law will discriminate against my child from attending school. This law will force me to homeschool my son or even move out of Oregon so my child will have the FREEDOM to attend a school. Not only will this impact my ability to work (and the other parents of the 31,000+ students who are missing even just 1 vaccine) if I am forced to homeschool my child, the potential financial impact on the state of OR if all 31,000 + were no longer able to attend school would be well over \$400,000,000.

This isn't a vaccine issue. This is a medical rights issue. This is about informed consent. Please stand up for our rights to delay, decline or select certain vaccines. Please stand up for our children to get a public education. Please stand up against discrimination.



Unite Oregon Urges Ways and Means Committee to Pass HB 2508-A

Co-Chairs and Members of the Ways and Means Committee, thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is Kayse Jama, and I serve as Executive Director of Unite Oregon, a statewide organization led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty working to build a unified intercultural movement for justice. I'm here today to urge this Committee to pass HB 2508-A, also known as the Refugee Welcoming Bill.

In brief, HB 2508-A would provide grants through the Department of Human Services to refugee resettlement agencies, to provide up to 2 years of specific employment and social supports for refugees, ranging from interpretation and translation services to assistance navigating public transit. These services are critical to the success and integration of new refugees into our communities, and they deserve our support. HB 2508-A is nothing more than an investment in refugee communities which those communities will repay over time.

Oregon is no stranger to providing this kind of direct financial support to refugees. The TANF Refugee Benefits Program, also administered by DHS, provides direct assistance to refugees to help them find and retain jobs. That program is a model for what we expect from social services: the vast majority of all refugees who receive these benefits are so successful as a result that they can leave the program before they've used the full 2 years of support.

Let's look at the big picture: our communities benefit when we accept refugees. For one, refugee communities bring diversity and resiliency to the United States. And refugees have an enormous positive economic impact on our national and local economies. **According to the New American Economy (NAE), the United States was home to 180,000 refugee entrepreneurs in 2015, who collectively generated over \$4.5 billion in business income.** In that same year, the 2.3 million refugees in NAE's analysis earned a staggering \$77.2 billion in household income, \$56 billion of which was disposable income.

Refugees also contribute to government revenues in a major way. According to a study by the US Department of Health and Human Services, refugees in the United States made a net contribution of \$63 billion in government revenue over the last decade. I want to underline that this is the NET contribution after you deduct the cost of services provided to refugees. That's why I call HB 2508-A an investment: over time, our support for refugees is repaid in full - and then some.

We cannot ignore the national context to this issue. At a time when over 25 million people are living as refugees worldwide, the Trump Administration has drastically cut refugee admissions to the United States to some of the lowest levels in modern history. Refugees are waiting in dangerous, unsafe conditions, separated from their families, wondering if they will ever see

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their loved ones again. Services for refugees have been cut drastically at the federal level, leaving many new arrivals without any support as they attempt to navigate life in the United States. As the federal government turns its back on people fleeing persecution, Oregon must step up as a leader.

For as long as this country has accepted refugees and asylum-seekers, Oregon has been a port of first call for those fleeing persecution. Like Lady Liberty's flame, we have been a beacon to the "tired, the poor, and the huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Today, I ask you to live up to that history and to honor those values. Let's continue to be a light in the darkness for families fleeing war, famine, and disease across the world. Let's show the entire world that Oregon will not give in to division or xenophobia. Let's pass HB 2508-A.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

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From: [Chelsea Wolfer](#)
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Subject: 3-21-19 Budget Planning Testimony
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 12:34:05 PM

Dear Co-Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chelsea Wolfer and I was present at the Ways and Means public budget hearing on March 21, 2019. Thank you for your time in hearing the concerns of our community. I am writing to submit my testimony which I was unable to share due to time constraints.

I am a native Oregonian, a wife, a mother and as of recently, a small business owner. Since high school it has been a dream of mine to own my own business. After the birth of my daughter, I made the decision to step out of my career in banking in order to spend my time raising her, all the while holding onto that dream of one day becoming a business owner. While it is still taking off, I can now officially say that I started my own business. The best part is, I have the flexibility of working while my daughter is in preschool. However, if HB 3063 passes, I may be forced to homeschool my daughter leaving me little to no time to invest in building and growing my business. A sacrifice I and many other working parents I know are willing to make.

HB 3063 may have no direct revenue impact on the state of Oregon, but when parents decide to leave the workforce or reduce the amount of time they commit to their own businesses, there will be a reduction of revenue for the state. This may be small enough that it doesn't outweigh the "public health safety emergency" that has been declared, but when you combine this with the lost revenue from families who take their tax dollars to other states, as well as the loss of federal income to schools when numbers decline, you must begin to review what is really at stake here.

First, let's address the proposed state of emergency. Washington state declared a state of emergency because of their 73 confirmed cases of measles in Clark County. Oregon is piggybacking this because of our close proximity, however, we only have 4 confirmed cases in this outbreak. There were four additional measles cases in Oregon but they were determined to be unrelated to the current outbreak (numbers taken from OHA's website). In fact the OHA states, "Most Oregonians have been vaccinated against measles, and their risk is low." Yet some of our legislators are claiming this is an emergency. Here are the states for the last ten years regarding measles cases in Oregon.

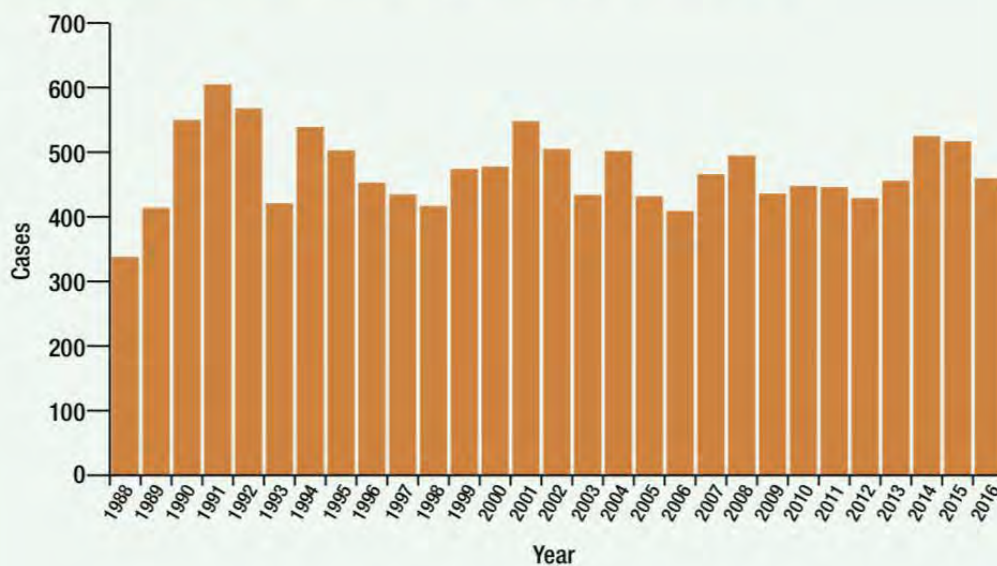
2019: 8 (4 related to Clark County outbreak)
2018: 5
2017: 0
2016: 0
2015: 1 (was linked to Disneyland outbreak)
2014: 5 (1 was an unvaccinated infant who traveled outside the US)
2013: 6
2012: 1
2011: 3
2010: 0
2009: 0

There have been 29 cases of measles in the last 10 years. These numbers were taken from OHA's Selected Reportable Communicable Disease Summary as well as OHA's CD Summary released January 2019.

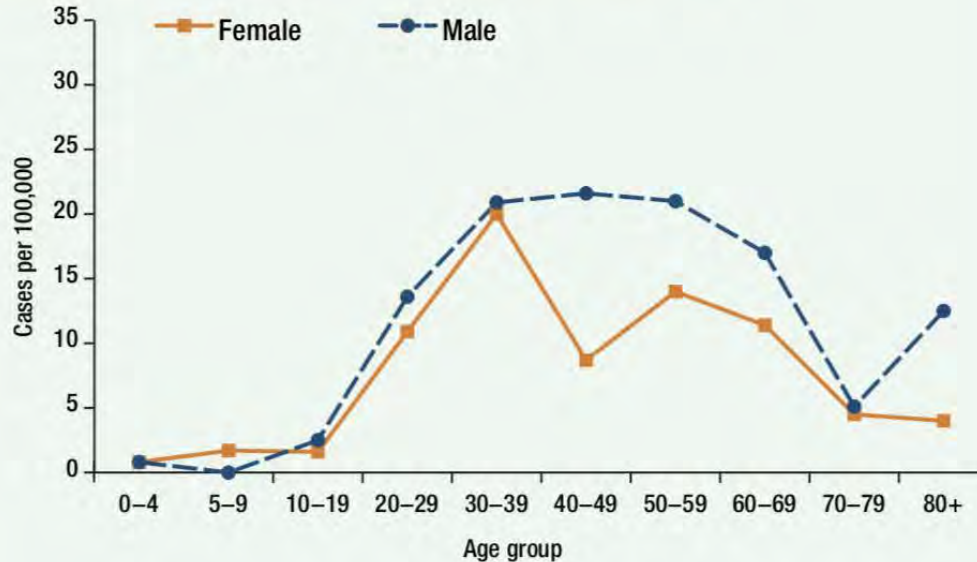
Each year they state in the measles summary, "Though measles is highly infectious, the risk of exposure to measles in Oregon remains low." **THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO MEASLES IN OREGON REMAINS LOW.** The majority of those who contract the disease do so when traveling outside of the US. Yet, implied fear of a risk that remains low is driving support for this bill. But this leads to further questions. If measles is the emergency in question, why is it imperative that children are vaccinated for all of the CDC's recommended immunizations? For example Hepatitis B.

I'm sure you are aware that according to the CDC's immunization schedule, children are recommended, and will soon be required by HB 3063, to have three immunizations against Hep B beginning at birth, a second at 2 months and a third at 6 months. Hepatitis B is "spread by direct contact with infected body fluids, usually by needle stick injury or sexual contact. Hepatitis B is not spread by casual contact" (Oregon Health Authority). Below is a graph from OHA's website showing the incidences of chronic hepatitis B by age and sex in Oregon in 2016.

Newly reported chronic hepatitis B by year: Oregon, 1988–2016



Incidence of chronic hepatitis B by age and sex: Oregon, 2016



The majority of cases of hepatitis b affect males and females between the ages of 20 and 70. The highest number of cases occur between the ages of 30-39 in women and 30-59 in men respectively. According to the CDC, "Studies indicate that immunologic memory remains intact for at least 30 years among healthy vaccinated individuals who initiated hepatitis B vaccination >6 months of age. The vaccine confers long-term protection against clinical illness and chronic hepatitis B virus infection. Cellular immunity appears to persist even though antibody levels might become low or decline below detectable levels. Among vaccinated cohorts who initiated hepatitis B vaccination at birth, long-term follow-up studies are ongoing to determine the duration of vaccine-induced immunity." The vaccine is said to protect children during childhood, a time when they are at the lowest risk of contracting the disease. In fact here is who the CDC says is at the highest risk:

"The following populations are at increased risk of becoming infected with HBV:

- Infants born to infected mothers

- Sex partners of infected persons
- Men who have sex with men
- Injection drug users
- Household contacts or sexual partners of known persons with chronic HBV infection
- Health care and public safety workers at risk for occupational exposure to blood or blood-contaminated body fluids, and
- Hemodialysis patients”

Yet they also state that “all infants” should be vaccinated against Hep B. Their reasoning? “The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that all infants receive hepatitis B vaccine at birth, regardless of the infection status of the mother. Infants born to HBV-infected mothers require hepatitis B vaccine and hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth to protect them from infection. However, because errors or delays in testing, reporting, and documenting maternal HBsAg status can and do occur, administering the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine soon after birth to all infants acts as a safety net, reducing the risk for perinatal infection when maternal HBsAg status is either unknown or incorrectly documented at delivery. Also, initiating the hepatitis B vaccine series at birth has been shown to increase a child’s likelihood of completing the vaccine series on schedule.”

The reason ALL infants are required this vaccine is because of errors or delays in testing, reporting and documenting whether or not the mother is Hep B positive. If a mother does have hepatitis B, her infant should absolutely be vaccinated and given the HBIG for protection. In my case however, my husband and I practiced abstinence until we were married and we did not elect to use IV drugs or any drugs for that matter. Our daughter is at virtually zero risk of hepatitis B. We delayed this vaccine and elected not to give it at birth. She did receive it later on at the pressure of our pediatrician. A decision I regret to have made so early on in her life. This is a prophylactic vaccine that has only been used for the last 18 years. The American Heart Association used to prescribe prophylactic antibiotics at routine dental cleanings for patients with heart conditions such as mitral valve prolapse. They have since changed their position and instead state, “Antibiotic prophylaxis is no longer indicated in patients with mitral valve prolapse for prevention of infective endocarditis. The risk of antibiotic-associated adverse effects exceeds the benefit (if any) from prophylactic antibiotic therapy. Limited use of prophylaxis will likely reduce the unwanted selection of antibiotic-resistant strains and their unintended consequences such as Clostridium difficile-associated colitis.” It is safe to assume that one day it could be found that the risks associated with prophylactic hepatitis B vaccination exceed the benefit. I would be happy to discuss these risk in a separate email as I have already used up much of your time.

You may be wondering how all of these details tie into the financial side of this bill. While I do personally know a handful of families who have chosen to forego all vaccinations, the vast majority of the people I know have chosen the majority of the recommended vaccines, specifically the MMR. Hepatitis B vaccine however, is the most common one that parents avoid because let’s be honest, how many kindergarteners are having sex or using IV drugs? Often, parents choose to do this vaccine at a later time, when their children’s bodies have developed a bit more. Mandating that all children receive the Hep B vaccine at birth, 2 months and 6 months will not mean that all parents comply. Some will. Others however, will do what they are forced to in order to protect their children.

If you support this bill, you are telling parents that you know their kids better than they do. That it doesn’t matter that mothers carry their children inside their bodies for almost a year before birthing them with every ounce of courage they have and then spending sleepless night after sleepless night worrying about this new life they were entrusted to care for; the state knows what is best for the “greater good.”

There will be families who leave the state. How many? Only time will tell. There will be both mothers and fathers who leave the workplace. How many? Only time will tell. There will be less students in the public school system. How many? Only time will tell. You as our legislators have the obligation to weigh the risks and the benefits and make a decision based on your findings. I hope the information I have provided you with encourages you to do your own investigation and not accept what the media or your peers tell you. Listen to constituents. We are requesting that we maintain the same obligation in our parental rights as you maintain as legislators: The obligation to weigh the risks and the benefits and make a decision based on our findings.

Thank you for your time in hearing my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Wolfer
Tigard, OR

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Sophia Alagoz

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Testimony for Ways & Means, HB 3063, 3/21/19, by: Portland resident Andrea Titus

I realize this is a meeting about fiscal impact and you'll be hearing a lot about the impacts from other testimony here this evening. However, this is my first time at a legislative meeting and my first time having an opportunity to speak. All the way through graduate school I would do anything to not have to publicly speak. Yet my fear of this bill far outweighs my personal fear of being vulnerable in front of my lawmakers.

I have two beautiful and bright daughters. My middle schooler is vaccine-injured. She is ahead a grade in school and has been labeled Talented and Gifted for her intellectual ability since she started kindergarten at 4 years old. She is in advanced classes so she can earn high school credit in middle school and college credit in high school. She plays volleyball on her school team and participates in drama club after school and she's a progressive thinker. She volunteers at a camp for children with disabilities in the summers and attends her own summer camps where she takes part in the equestrian focus. She has had the same peer group since she was 5 years old. She is missing ONE vaccine from the current schedule. Just ONE and that one will kick her out of school and isolate her from her activities, her peer group, her advanced classes and bonds with her teachers. Clearly, I'm not anti-vaccine. She is vaccinated. I did vaccinate with single doses of some vaccines on a schedule her doctor and I agreed to, but she is vaccinated. She had an adverse reaction to her last booster of Dtap (a combo vaccine I couldn't break up) which is similar to the Tdap that she is missing now. She began having fainting spells, followed by sensory processing issues and fits of rage when her senses were overloaded. Her second-grade teacher would barricade her desk and put huge noise canceling headphones on her. This was embarrassing for her and didn't actually help her to not be distracted. By 3rd grade she was in occupational therapy with a diagnosis of a neurological disorder. This previous adverse reaction, and her allergy to one of the bovine derived ingredients, does not qualify for a medical exemption under the rules of OHA. OHA will also not accept a titer test even if she is already immune due to her last booster series. Washington or in California would allow titers and she'd qualify for a medical exemption. This bill is too extreme, too broad, too discriminatory, too coercive and far overreaching.

Since my oldest child has had this reaction, I have had genetic testing. We have a genetic variant that does put us at more of a risk because we can't properly process out certain environmental toxins. My toddler and I both have autoimmune diseases, also genetic. Our chances of Hashimoto's and heart disease are hundreds of times more likely than the average person due to our genetics—these warnings were in my results and are seen in my family's history. We have had to change our lifestyle so much. We have 3 air purifiers running at all times, cannot have perfumes or chemicals in the house at all without my toddler reacting. And now the government wants to inject these same toxins (and in some cases worse ones) directly into our toddler who literally cannot be within 10 feet of them externally without having a visible reaction. This isn't fun for her or me or any of us. What would you do if you knew you putting something in your body would risk your health, but the government insisted on it instead of taking your personal medical and social history in to account? In every other medical treatment on the planet, social history is at the center of care. We have all sat and filled out pages of cumbersome paperwork at healthcare visits. There is a reason for that. We have to be able to give the same consideration

with vaccinations as all other medical treatments. Parents and doctors should have the ability to make these decisions like every other medical decision.

Please consider a happy medium here. Please stop this bill and re-write one for next session. Please amend this bill to include children who have been hurt ENOUGH by vaccines, or families with genetic and social histories that are contraindications. The bill, as it stands, doesn't only discriminate against my children, but also the 31,000 other children in the state who are partially vaccinated, often vaccine injured. Where is our no tolerance for discrimination policy when it comes to vaccines? What about all the schools in the state who have signs on their doors that say all are welcome here? Not my kids. Since when do we allow our government to have overreaching control of our citizens? What about our constitutional rights? This is not an emergency. The outbreak in Clark County was in a Ukrainian Church population. Guess what? They still have their religious exemptions up there. They had the out-break and no one is taking their rights away. No outbreaks have happened in schools in Oregon. There have been no deaths or serious complications with any case of the measles in years. I don't know a single adult in this state (and I know a lot since I grew up here) that have the same amount of vaccines that are on the recommended schedule for children. Why aren't we targeted as public health threats? How come we aren't spreading disease? Does this new law apply to teachers, aids, administrators also? Nope, it doesn't. Explain that logic because I cannot.

Bullying will not make the parents of these 31,500 children put their kids at risk. That goes against the intuition of every mother I've ever met. Instead thousands will be forced to flee the state, home school, quit work, etc. This is going to potentially cost the state tax payers, money from small businesses, funding for schools, real estate, welfare, etc. The deficits will be impossible to easily fix after they've taken their toll. I have been in Oregon my entire 38 years of life—I attended Oregon schools all the way through college degrees. Now my children will not have the opportunity to do the same. My husband and I are both in public service careers (he's in health care and I'm in criminal justice). We are committed to serving populations of people in need. We donate to the schools our children attend. We are both educated, passionate people and Oregon will lose us as residents and tax payers and volunteers. And we are not the only ones like us.

Women have fought for their rights plenty of times before and we will keep fighting for this one. There are plenty of conflicts of interests with this bill. There is a lack of funding for our schools but a lot of money flowing into the pockets of some of the most influential lawmakers in the state. We're not blind to that—it's public record.

Please look closely at this bill and the amendment that passed. Please look at it closely and see the issues we're trying to bring to light. This isn't a bill that is just tightening up the rules for the greater good of the community. This is complete and total control of Oregon's youngest and most vulnerable citizens. These are our future lawmakers; be the example.

Thank you!

From: [Kristi Weeks](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:03:10 PM

Dear Senators and Representatives, committee members,

I am a mother of two young daughters. We have received all immunizations recommended by our pediatricians on the typical schedule suggested and have had no adverse affects. However, I am writing to ask you to vote against HB3063. I do believe that parents have the right to make the health decisions for their children and I don't agree that a child's access to education, child care, church, sports, and community activities should be regulated by the state.

Sincerely,
Kristi Weeks
Sherwood, OR

From: [Emily Bennett](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Re: I oppose HB 3036
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:12:50 PM

I want to thank the Ways and Means committee for evaluating the impact that HB 3063 will have on our state. I oppose mandatory vaccines as I feel that it violates the rights of the individual. It is my hope that the committee is able to find a way to dedicate more resources to educating Oregonians about vaccines and infectious diseases, instead of instituting a one-size-fits all mandate.

Thank you for your continued service to our state,

Constituent Emily Bennett
Lebanon, Oregon

From: [Rebekah Homutoff](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:23:21 PM
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Testimony Concerning House Bill 3063

As a long-time Oregon resident and mother, I would like to voice my extreme opposition to HB 3063. HB 3063 is not about being pro-vaccine or anti-vaccine or ex-vaccine or anything in between. It is about removing our rights and our freedom as parents to make medical decisions for our children and removing the rights of healthy partially or unvaccinated children to receive a public education. Protect the freedoms of the minority of educated Oregonians who choose to not fully vaccinate. Our state believes in medical freedom, not coercion. Please do not pass this bill!

I have five children, four of whom were vaccinated, and they all have various degrees of vaccine injury, from extreme local reactions to autoimmune conditions. Ironically, my youngest, who received only the vitamin K shot, has a congenital heart defect and went through heart surgery as a newborn and many complications yet is the one sick the least in our house. I was vaccine injured as an adult and suffered debilitating neurological and gastro-intestinal problems that I am still fighting with today. I know many close friends and family who have had serious and life-threatening reactions post-vaccination. Vaccine reactions are not rare. If they were, why would over \$4 billion dollars have been paid out by VAERS to-date? Fewer than 1% of vaccine reactions are ever reported, per CDC.

The First Amendment to the Constitution states that “*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...*”. My strong religious beliefs go against injecting my children with aborted fetal cells, monkey kidney cells, calf serum, gelatin, and many of the other vaccine ingredients. I learned of these ingredients after my children had been vaccinated and it makes me sick to now know that I was never informed by my doctors of what I was having injected into their bodies. Instead of mandating a one-size-fits-all vaccination, focus on informed consent between a doctor and patient or parent.

There are no studies showing the safety of the quantity or combination of vaccines or the long term results in children, including those with various genetic variations that would greatly increase their risk for severe reaction. There is increasing scientific information emerging proving that vaccines are not safe for all people. Making a statement that everyone, regardless of genetics or health, can receive all vaccines with no risk of harm is ignorantly bold. One-size-fits-all does not apply to any medical procedure. A vaccination is a medical procedure. No government should be allowed to force anyone to inject or consume any product that carries a significant risk and absolutely no liability to the manufacturer or distributor of the product.

How can you, with good conscience, mandate blanket vaccination for all children knowing that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has not done ANY safety testing reports on any vaccines in over 30 years? The 1986 Vaccine Injury Compensation Act writes (abbreviated):
42 U.S.C. s300aa-27.

(a) ...Under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Secretary shall--
(1) promote the development of childhood vaccines that result in fewer and less serious adverse reactions than those vaccines on the market on December 22, 1987.
(2) make or assure improvements in.... order to reduce the risks of adverse reactions to vaccines.
(c) Within 2 years after December 22, 1987, and periodically thereafter, the Secretary shall prepare and transmit to the Committee...a report describing the actions taken pursuant to subsection (a) during the preceding 2-year period.

<http://icandecide.org/government/ICAN-HHS-Stipulated-Order-July-2018.pdf>

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2018/hhs-sued-for-not-upholding-vaccine-safety-testing-mandated-by-law/>

Per HHS on June 27, 2018, there were no such records (reports) to be found. No safety tests on liability free products injected into our children. Instead, during the past 32 years, the number of vaccine doses has increased to 72 before a child is 18. What else increased? The rate of autism and learning disorders has gone from 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 36 (CDC- 2018). over 50% of our children have a chronic illness. That isn't a coincidence. The liability free vaccine manufacturers who can not be sued have zero incentive to research and improve the safety of their vaccine products. Instead they use fear and media hysteria to promote increased vaccination while hiding their own knowledge and studies proving the lack of safety. Several whistleblowers have come forth with documented proof of such information.

There is a media hype about measles currently that has everyone overly concerned. *"There have been no measles deaths reported in the U.S. since 2003,"* the Associate Press reported based off statements made by Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Meanwhile, VAERS, which captures only a very small percentage of the actual number of injuries and deaths associated with measles vaccines, reports at least 108 deaths associated with measles vaccines since 2003. In a country with adequate nutrition, sanitation, and clean water, measles is far less dangerous to an individual than many diseases that are not vaccinated against. For years prior to the MMR's introduction in 1963, your odds of dying from measles was .02 in 10,000. Those numbers have not changed. Oregon has very high immunization rates across all counties, including the MMR. This is discrimination against a minority of partially or unvaccinated school children.

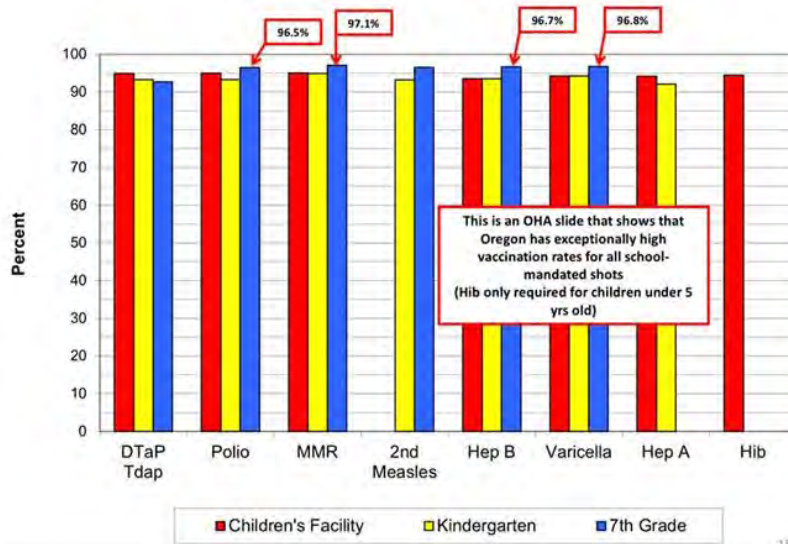
Vaccination does not equal lifetime immunity. IF a fortunate individual does confer any immunity from a vaccine, that immunity wanes anywhere from 2-15 years, at best. That means the majority of adults are technically unvaccinated. When was your last booster shot for every vaccine on the CDC recommended schedule? Recently vaccinated individuals of live virus vaccines, including MMR, varicella, Tdap, DTaP, Polio, become asymptomatic carriers for up to several months of the virus they were vaccinated against and can spread the strain of disease as well as contract it themselves. Recently vaccinated persons are a far greater risk to the immunocompromised than unvaccinated individuals. How can an unvaccinated person spread a disease they don't even have?!

I implore you to listen to the thousands of concerned and well educated parents, doctors, scientists, researchers, and medical professionals who are both witnessing firsthand and proving via scientific studies that vaccines are not without risk and can and do cause many serious health problems from encephalopathy to autoimmune conditions, epilepsy to GI disorders and many more. Read an actual vaccine insert. Educate yourself fully. Leave medical decisions to be discussed between doctor and patient with full informed consent on all procedures, including vaccinations. Again, our state believes in medical freedom, not coercion.. My child, my choice!

Thank you,

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Percent of Children with School/Children's Facility
Required Vaccines, 2014



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Subject: Oregon Health, Prosperity, and Medical freedom - No to HB-3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:39:47 PM

My name is Jina. I reside in Portland OR. I was recruited from NYC to Nike over 10 yrs ago to work directly with celebrity athletes. It would have been an easy decision to say 'no' to the relocation, if this bill were in effect then. My family can live anywhere. Families like mine also bring out-of-state revenues and pay taxes, spend our income here, and invest in real estate. We choose to be in OR because of what it stands for. A reverence for individual spirit and freedom to exercise that. Not only will Oregon lose many families, many of whom have moved from CA, but will prevent others from wanting to be part of this Oregonian community, if it becomes one that does not respect informed consent and medical freedom.

On a personal note, It's been a journey to get my family to good thriving health. And it's one that we don't take lightly. I've been up 5 times a night with my 5 years old when she was having digestive distress/skin eruptions/neurological issues/pains. Part of that journey has been moderating and tempering the timing of subsequent vaccines and medication where applicable.

Under this draconian bill, my children wouldn't even qualify for a medical exemption. No medicine is one size fits all.

Vaccines have not been studied and tested on kids with medical vulnerability and sensitivities. They've been tested on healthy subject with no history of medical issues.

Do you want to be the hands that isolate my currently healthy children from their schools and peers, because I as a parent have to make a choice between risking the well-being of my sensitive children and their schooling? Will you be the hand that yanks thriving and high achieving children like mine from their school and their competitive sports because of an unfounded belief that this mandate will make you safer? Oregonians already enjoy a high level of vaccination. Vaccine court has paid \$4B in vaccine deaths/injuries. Where there is risk, there must be choice. One size does not fit all.

Thank you,
Jina

From: [amie reagan](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Hb 3063 klamath falls oregon
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 2:44:06 PM
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Dear esteemed chairmen,

I am writing on behalf of myself, my child, and any future grandchildren. As a child I was always sick with ear infections, sore throats, asthma, allergies, depression, anxiety, celiac disease, GERD, and gastrointestinal issues. Having been fully vaccinated as a child, I never thought much when being told I needed them as an adult. I was in my mid twenties when I was told by a doctor that I tested negative for Hep B so that meant I was never vaccinated for it. Not being informed, being put on the spot, and being overly trusting I agreed. The doctor that pushed the vaccine never showed me the vaccine label, insert, or side effects list before administering the vaccine. There were also other times I had the exact same treatment for tetanus shots. We must be able to weigh the costs and make an educated decision regarding the effects the vaccine may have on us. Even as a new mother my first pediatrician lied to me and tried to fearfully coerce me into vaccinating my child. I informed her of my medical rights to say no to treatment I didn't feel comfortable with. Upon explaining why I didn't want to vaccinate she tried to discount every injury I incurred and lied about the ingredients. Once I told her I knew all of the ingredients and that they came from the CDC she changed her tune. Only then after she realized I was an informed patient she stopped trying to coerce me. This is the reality that we are faced with when trying to get care for ourselves and children. I regret to say that my lifelong autoimmune issues went unnoticed by my family, and having the Hep B vaccines only aggravated them further. Shortly after I was diagnosed with interstitial cystitis, polycystic ovarian disease, and fibromyalgia. Those diagnoses came after 8-9 emergency room visits for pain so unbearable I could barely walk. I have had to deal with fibromyalgia pain so bad I wished to die every day. I had to deal with doctors who didn't believe me, treated me like I was crazy, and an addict. All I ever wanted was to get well and refused any pain killers which seemed to infuriate them even more. I once had a doctor scream at me with the door open because I asked her what the cause of all the pain was and she didn't know. I was seeking help from my provider but only received shame and abusive behavior. It has been seven years since then and now I'm in my early thirties I'm diagnosed as high risk for cervical cancer. I am currently watching and praying my cyst does not grow any further and is not cancerous. I am telling you this because many of these health problems could have been avoided if I was informed and had the chance to make an informed decision. Now after having my healthy miracle baby naturally we are being told we have no choice to say no to vaccines. My child should not be forced into something that could injure him permanently or even kill him. The only way to prove a medical adverse reaction is to be injured first! No way!! What makes it worse is that the manufacturers are protected against any liabilities. I have spent countless hours researching directly from the CDC and FDA website so I know the facts. I think it's absolutely wrong and unconstitutional to force everyone into something when it is not beneficial to all. Having been vaccine injured, I fear for my son's health and safety and do not want to risk hurting him. The choice to medical care is up to each individual and must not be infringed upon. Medical exemptions are nearly impossible to get seeing as they will only allow them if you can prove the injury. The problem with that is the CDC, FDA, and doctors refuse to admit that any vaccine injuries actually exist. As a mother who has been injured and does not wish to see her child injured I implore you to reconsider approving HB 3068. This bill is highly unconstitutional and absolutely ethically wrong. I am also a devout Jew and find getting vaccines with aborted human cells in them ethically wrong. We are commanded to abstain from blood how much more so the consumption? This bill would infringe on my liberty to practice my religious beliefs and abstain from meat. The direction of this country is in your hands, the question is what will you do? It takes courage and strength to make the right choice when dealing with topics such as these. Your choice could take away the rights of the people you serve or it could enable them to make their own informed choices. America was founded on liberty, and justice for ALL not just a few. When making your decision I hope you consider the following: will this over

step each persons right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as outlined in The declaration of independence? Is the bill you intend to pass unconstitutional? Am I alright enabling the government to enforce vaccines against the will and consent of countless men woman and children ? Are you okay with the possibility of violent force being used if necessary for those who don't wish to comply? For your review I have attached a copy of the bradley oath that each official swore to uphold while in office. I would like to remind you that the Constitution is the law of the land and it is your duty to protect it, and uphold it. So I ask you greatly esteemed men and woman who are making decisions for the whole nation, what will you decide? What ever the choice may be let it be one that serves the nation and embodies all of our constitutional rights. Thank you for you for your Consideration and time regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Oath to Uphold the Constitution

Article VI clause 3 of the United States Constitution requires that all who hold office in the United States take an oath to uphold the United States Constitution:

"The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution..."

In compliance with this requirement, as they enter office, Members of Congress take the following oath of office:

"I, (name of Member), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Article II Section 1 of the United States Constitution defines and requires the President of the United States to take a specific oath as he assumes that office:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." (United States Constitution Article II, Section I, emphasis added)

The United States Constitution, Article VI declares the Constitution is the "supreme law of the land," and reinforces the requirement that judges are bound by it:

"This Constitution...shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

As immigrants to this nation obtain their United States citizenship, they are required to take the following oath:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or

From: Penny
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:17:18 PM

Dear Ways and Means Budget Committee,

I'm a mother of 3 small children in Scappoose Oregon and I am very concerned about HB 3063.

It is critically important that you understand that immunocompromised children are IN FAR MORE danger from VACCINATED children, especially those recently vaccinated by one of the live virus vaccines, such as chicken-pox, measles, mumps, and rubella. ALL which are required to attend school in Oregon.

Unvaccinated children cannot spread a disease they do not have. The immune compromised children who can't get vaccinated are JUST AS UNVACCINATED as unvaccinated kids!
Why is the public only afraid of one of those groups?

Vaccinated children, on the other hand, can and do spread the disease for which they were recently vaccinated. Live virus vaccines, like chicken-pox, measles, mumps, and rubella, shed and can cause infection in even vaccinated children. We are now finding that this occurs far more commonly than we believed possible. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/03/globe-newsire-public-health-officials-know-recently-vaccinated-individuals-spread-disease.html#>

The best way to protect an immunocompromised child is to keep them out of the public spaces and away from potential pathogens and those that carry them. Vaccines aside, you must understand that there are thousands of environmental pathogens that could infect and kill your child. If you want to protect your child from the far more numerous diseases for which there is no vaccine, then keep your child home or in an equally safe environment.

its a good thing the unvaccinated can't shed a disease they don't have.
On that note should we be putting laws in place not allowing the recently vaccinated out of their houses for 28 days because of the shedding that occurs with live vaccines?

Measles outbreak in a fully immunized school:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/3821823>

Measles outbreak among the vaccinated:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/8053748>

New York measles outbreak linked to vaccinated:

<http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/02/27/cid.ciu105>

Vaccinated child responsible for measles outbreak in British Columbia:

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/images/dynamic/EE/V18N49/art20649.pdf>

Mumps outbreak in Netherlands linked to those vaccinated:

http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/20/4/13-1681_article

What's shedding? :

<http://insidevaccines.com/wordpress/2008/02/24/secondary-transmission-%EF%BB%BFthe-short-and-sweet-about-live-virus-vaccine-shedding/comment-page-1/>

98% vaccinated in pertussis outbreak:

<http://www.activistpost.com/2015/02/98-vaccinated-involved-in-whooping.html>

So again, all of these allegedly immunocompromised people should really stay away from everyone—vaccinated and unvaccinated...

I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB 3063 and not segregated unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children.

Respectfully,
Penny Steenslid
Scappoose Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Veronica Darling](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Happy Valley/Damascus HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:44:42 PM

Dear Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee,

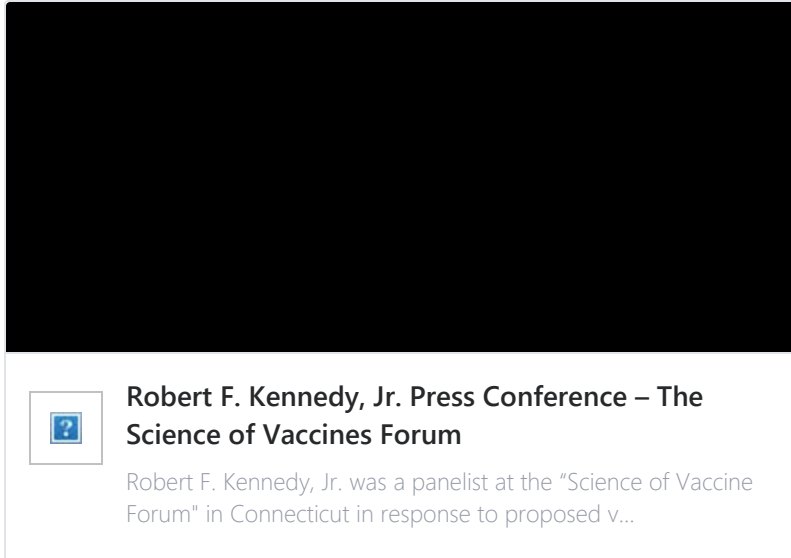
I'd like to thank the committee members for the opportunity to share with you today. My name is Veronica Darling. I live in the Portland area. I moved here three years ago from California after I lost the right to choose what I believe is best for my family via SB277. I have seven children and three of them are foster children. If this bill passes and I'll be faced with coercion to vaccinate against my beliefs in order to send my children to school. I will not simply change my opinion. I will be forced once again to uproot my family and move to a state that values freedom, and I know that I am not alone. What will this mean for Oregon? You will lose a loving foster home. The three children who are healing from trauma in my care will have to be moved to a different home as we flee. With the crisis of too few foster homes and too many foster children how can DHS afford this kind of loss? This legislation will have a direct impact on an already overburdened system. Oregon will lose my tax dollars. It will lose the tax dollars of every family who leaves this state in pursuit of freedom. Have you checked into the totality of the financial burden that SB277 placed on CA in its years since implementation? What is the total financial impact of this measure? When I leave, Oregon will have four fewer students in the classrooms. Add that to the number of student who will be forced to become homeschooled or who leave the state. How will that affect our educators and their families? The impact of this legislation is far reaching and profound. Where there is risk, there MUST be choice. Please oppose this and side with medical freedom, education for all, and with families rights to choose what is best for themselves.

Thank you,
Veronica Darling
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Stefanie Miller](#)
Subject: I oppose HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:44:58 PM

Hello my name is Stefanie Miller I live in Portland, Oregon. I know you will be discussing HB3063 this evening and I urge you to destroy this bill. There are so many reasons why this bill should not move forward. It has the potential to remove over 31000 children from school. The teachers already face so many difficulties with under funding and too large of class sizes that the removal of those students could create an even larger burden with reduced funds for schools. Enforcing this bill if it were to pass will also incur additional funds. It will discriminate against children who may have had all of their vaccines except one. We have high vaccination rates in Oregon so mandating vaccines is not necessary, we are at 96% statewide. Citizens may be forced to move out of state reducing taxes paid to the state. The science is not settled, further study must be completed and the industry needs to be more transparent. We need to keep having this discussion and looking at all the new research until we can be certain vaccines are safe for everyone or at least to test for markers that may indicate risk for susceptible individuals. Please watch this video from RFK Jr's press conference, the science of vaccines forum, given just a few days ago. Four Yale professors of virology were scheduled to debate the science and they all canceled the night before the conference. There is additional video which you can view on facebook on the children's health defense page. This bill is unamerican and unconstitutional. The focus should not be on mandating vaccines but making vaccines safer and still giving people options. I am sure you have received numerous calls and emails about how children and adults have had adverse reactions and complications after vaccines. You need to listen to your constituents. Now is the time to be brave and do your own research. Ask questions and investigate. Questioning this bill does not make you anti vaccine or anti science but mandating a medical intervention that has known risks and consequences has no place in America.

[Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Press Conference – The Science of Vaccines Forum](#)



Thank You, and if you would like to speak with me please feel free to give me a call.

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From: [Suzanne Bjaranson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: No on HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:45:06 PM

NO ON HB 3063!!!

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> The CDC attributes the current measles outbreak to travelers who got measles
> abroad and brought it into the U.S. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated have
> been affected, showing the ineffectiveness of the MMR vaccine. (Merck, maker
> of the MMR, is currently in court facing fraud charges due to altering data
> to make their vaccine look more effective than it is.)

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> Please, listen to the people. WHY IS THIS BEING FORCED UPON US? We the
> people know this is a BIG PHARMA agenda. Forcing this Bill on us without
> having the right to choose what goes into our bodies and our children is
> extremely careless and not taking into consideration the health and
> well-being of our state. This is striping us of our rights in a free nation.
> We do not have any health crisis that justifies this mandate but this
> mandate will bring on more health crisis, we will see more disabled and sick
> children as a result. Each vaccines has a long list of side effects list,
> listed by the CDC itself. medications and medical procedures are not a one
> size fits all approach and treating it as such puts thousands of children in
> potential harm with allergic reactions, autoimmune disorders, cancers and
> death. Where there is a risk there must be a CHOICE!

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> This Bill violates our rights and our voice, We have the right to make our
> own educated decisions as citizens of this state and country. This Bill
> takes away our legal rights for Medical Informed Consent. This Bill will
> also cost our state too much money, it will have large financial burden on
> our Education, Medicaid and Medicare systems. MANY WILL PULL THEIR KIDS OUT
> OF SCHOOL AND MOVE OUT OF STATE! I know I will!

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> History tells us that this kind of legislation has no place in America. This
> is the type of legislation that was common in Nazi Germany during WWII. We
> fought the Germans and won and we will fight HB 3063. NO ON HB 3063.
> HB 3063 strips us of CIVIL RIGHTS.
> HB 3063 strips us of PARENTAL RIGHTS.
> HB 3063 eliminates INFORMED CONSENT.
> HB 3063 strips us of RELIGIOUS RIGHTS.
> HB 3063 DENIES PUBLIC EDUCATION to healthy children.
> HB 3063 QUARANTINES HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS
> HB 3063 LEGALIZES SEGREGATION.

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> As a parent I have spent 4 years doing my own research on vaccines alone.
> I'm not anti-vaccine, I'm an ex-vaxxer & pro common sense. People cannot
> pass these bills fairly or ethically without hearing, reading and listening
> to all the real research that has been done. There is so much research,
> thousands of studies printed in medical journals that state VACCINES ARE NOT
> SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. The vaccine products have not gone through any double
> blind placebo studied nor been studied at length like any other medication
> on the market, therefore they cannot be termed, safe and effective. That is
> a coined marketing term by Big Pharma. One can see for themselves on the
> CDC website, Pharma Vaccine inserts that each vaccine poses potential harm
> with a laundry list of adverse reactions. The United States Supreme Court

> has stated they are unsafe, Unavoidably Unsafe. You cannot pass this bill
> based on limited information. Listening to the Pharmaceutical industry, or
> representatives backed by Big Pharma, or physicians who are backed by Big
> Pharma, or the media who is again backed by Big Pharma (using a fear based
> message tactic) is completely biased and let's look at who is funding some
> of these representatives pushing these absurd bills around the nation, again
> Big Pharma. Please hear and listen to just a fraction of individuals who
> have done the studies, read through the journals and have seen the real
> numbers and harms of vaccines, to name just a few highly respected
> individuals... Robert Kennedy Jr., Dr. Toni Bark, Dr. Tenpenny, Dr. Suzanne
> Humphries, Dr. Stephanie Seneff, Dr. John Bergman, Dr. Jack Wolfson... Hear
> what the CDC whistle blower, William Thompson has brought forth, the
> corruption that has taken place within the CDC and Pharmaceutical industry.
> Before being able to determine that you know what is best for our children,
> how about you let us make these informed decisions for ourselves. Our
> bodies, our right, our choice! Why is government getting involved? This is
> Tyranny! We are talking about a liability free product that HAS NOT gone
> through the appropriate safety studies that any other typical drug has. No
> double blind placebo studies and our right to choose to have these chemicals
> injected into our bodies and our children is being taken away. This does not
> make sense. Where is the informed consent, which is a legal requirement.
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> Let's remember the NUREMBERG CODE: 1. The voluntary consent of the human
> subject is absolutely essential. This means the person involved should have
> legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to
> exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of
> force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of
> constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and
> comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable
> him to make an understanding and enlightened decision.
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> The American CDC says that ANYONE who has a "weakened immune system" OR who
> has a parent, brother, or sister with "immune system problems" should NOT
> get an MMR vaccine. Based on the CDC's guidelines, a lot of children should
> not get an MMR vaccine. It seems that the MMR vaccine is clearly not safe!
> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mmr.html>?
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> "Vaccines are not actually making or keeping children healthy. Instead, in
> the U.S. (where children are the most highly vaccinated in the world), over
> half of all young people have a chronic illness—a trend that coincides with
> the expansion of the nation's vaccine schedule." Robert Kennedy Jr.
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> It's common sense to "actually" read the pamphlets before vaccinating. Fact:
> Vaccines have caused more neurological damages to kids creating more
> immune-compromised children. When the liability of the vaccines were taken
> away in 1986, the schedule has increased from just over 20 doses of 8
> vaccines in the 80's to over 70 doses. In 1985 autoimmune and neurological
> damages in our children was around 12% and today it is more than 56% and
> climbing. Causation and correlation have got to be looked at, common sense.
> So as a parent we are being forced to vaccinate our children, this poses a
> risk, like playing a game of Russian Roulette. All one has to do is read the
> inserts wrapped around each vaccines to realize these vaccines pose far more
> risk to our children's health than if they had the chicken pox, measles,
> mumps, pertussis... Myself, my siblings and my parents had most of these
> childhood illnesses and many, many others did to, we survived, undamaged and
> now we have stronger immunity and lifelong immunity. Having surgery and
> medical malpractice pose more of a risk than these illnesses that we are

- > vaccinating for. Today, we have more vaccine damaged children and adults,
- > how are we as a state and country going to be able to afford the medical
- > coverage when they hit our Medicaid/Medicare system? That's a scary and
- > realistic thought. Should this Bill pass, thousands of parents, like myself,
- > will be forced to pull their children out of the public school system. I
- > guarantee you will have many families move out of the state, to one with
- > less restrictions and that protects our medical freedom. Again, more money
- > the state will lose.
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- > It's common sense to question why a Doctor would be force vaccinating a
- > child against an STD on the day of their birth when both parents are clean.
- > (Hep. B)
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- > It's common sense to disagree with the legality of my Doctor receiving
- > bonuses based on the number of patients s/he vaccinates.
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- > It's common sense to question the integrity of a 60 billion dollar
- > pharmaceutical industry that successfully bought legislation that makes them
- > free of all liability when they cause harm. In 1986 when the liability was
- > taken away from the Pharmaceutical companies, Health and Human Services
- > (HHS) were directed to, twice a year, file vaccines safety reports. In 2018
- > ICAN (Informed Consent Action Network) sued HHS and won. HHS openly admitted
- > to not having filed any vaccine safety reports in over 30 years. Common
- > sense, what incentive does Big Pharma have to be sure these products are
- > safe, no liability and no one is bothering to do safety checks on them. This
- > is Alarming!
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- > It's common sense to be concerned when vaccine producers "donate" millions
- > of dollars every year to the people who help determine the suggested vaccine
- > schedule. (Academy of Pediatrics)
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- > It's common sense to question the integrity of a system where the former
- > Director of the CDC is now Vice President for the largest vaccine producer
- > in the world.
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- > It's common sense to weigh the risk verses benefit, like any other
- > medication. It's our right and should continue to be our right to make this
- > choice for ourselves; Informed Consent and Nuremberg code.
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- > It's common sense to question the ingredients, the FDA says only 25mcg of
- > Aluminum is safe, Aluminum is a neurotoxin.
- > At birth a child receives 250 mcg of Aluminum 2months 1225 mcg of Aluminum
- > 4months 975 mcg of Aluminum
- > 6 months 1000 mcg of Aluminum
- > 12 months 600 mcg of Aluminum
- > 15 months 625 mcg of Aluminum
- > 18 month 250 mcg of Aluminum
- > That's almost 5000 mcg of Aluminum injected into a child by 18 months. Then
- > there are more Aluminum exposure with the boosters.
- > It's common sense to connect these numbers to the increase of neurological
- > disorders in our children and why America has one of the highest infant
- > mortality rates in the first year of life. Let's also look at the increase
- > of special needs children in the schools and what that is costing the
- > education system.
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- > It's common sense to find out for yourself the number of people that have
- > been adversely affected by vaccines, thousands and thousands have been

> injured and killed by vaccines. Look into VAERS, (if you are pushing this
> bill you should be aware of VAERS) over 4 billion has been paid out to
> families that have suffered vaccines injuries and death. This number of
> Vaccines Adverse Event Reporting System is actually flawed and the number is
> much higher, because most go unreported.
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> It's common sense that it's wrong to pay injured families only if they agree
> to be silent about their adverse reactions.
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> It's common sense that when "risk of death" is listed as a side effect on a
> vaccine, for a disease that isn't life threatening, it might not be worth
> giving to my healthy child.
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> It's common sense to question western medicine when 60 years ago they
> encouraged pregnant women to smoke.
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> It's common sense to question western medicine because of how long they knew
> cigarettes caused cancer, but remained silent due to the amount of money
> that was involved.
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> It's common sense to be weary of everything when our country is the sickest
> it has ever been.
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> It's common sense that most people aren't willing to do the research, but I
> was, and I won't stop the pursuit of a less corrupt medical system.
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> I'm not anti-vaccine, I'm pro common sense. And if those making these
> choices for us are not aware of all that I mentioned above, then how can you
> morally take these rights away from us and feel that you have the power and
> right to move this Bill forward. Remember, not one medical procedure or
> medication is one size fits all (again common sense) and can have serious
> reactions or simply not work properly. Vaccines are no different and do not
> provide lifelong immunity, it will fill our bodies with heavy metals and
> neurotoxins that can and do have lifelong negative impact on the health of
> our bodies, this will negatively impact our Medicaid/Medicare and Education
> systems, costing more money than it can handle. Do you want to be
> responsible knowing you pushed a bill through that put a huge financial
> burden on our state and contributed to the increased of cancers, autoimmune
> and neurological disorders in our state and our country? You have the
> opportunity to stand up and stop this nonsense and protect our rights.
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> Please let us make our own medical decisions. We do not take this lightly,
> we do our research, let us choose what is right for ourselves, not
> government. Don't let Big Pharma buy you, remember our legal rights to
> Informed Consent and do not forget the Nuremberg Code. This Bill goes
> against our rights and pushes a special interest agenda, not for the people.
> Our representatives are supposed to represent us, not go against us. That
> is exactly what this bill is doing, going against our constitutional rights.
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> Sincerely, an extremely concerned mom and disappointed citizen,
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> Thank you!
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> Suzanne Bjaranson
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From: [Dan Drum](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: House Bill 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:45:13 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I am a concerned parent of two very healthy unvaccinated children due to the push of House Bill 3063. At first I did not believe this was even being considered, to lose my right to send my kids through the public school system, a private school or even public areas unless I injected my children with 72 vaccinations containing things like Thimerosal (mercery), Formaldehyde and Aluminum. Having personal connections to families that have seen their kids stop talking or read about stories of kids behavior completely changing after a vaccination, is terrifying to a parent and a reason to delay vaccinations until they hit puberty, be selective on the vaccinations that are administered or hold off all together. This is a right of families and should not be excluded from public services, please draw the line and don't allow segregation to start and snowball into other areas.

Please value the families rights of this country to raise their kids as they see fit. **I urge you to oppose HB 3063.**

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Dan Drum

From: [Ann Shara](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:52:01 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee members,

I attended the testimony hearings yesterday evening. There are so so so many other ways that our state funds need to go to rather than HB3063. Passing this bill will be a big loss of revenue throughout and will hit Oregon economy hard:

LOSS of school funding as thousands of students will forcibly be pulled out of school as parents won't be coerced into mandatory vaccines.

LOSS of teachers jobs as a result of less students.

LOSS of state income tax amounts as many families will go from a two income household to one, so one parent can stay home to homeschool.

LOSS of more money needed to fund government assistance such as OHP, SNAP, and WIC, as many families will struggle financially with one less spouse working.

LOSS of other tax revenues from people who will be moving out of Oregon if this passes.

LOSS of money that will need to be used to provide these mandatory vaccines, as many will most definitely not be paying for something that they do not want.

All I see here is a loss of money all over! Why punish public schooling with mandatory vaccines, when all of these children will be segregated one hour of the day, and the next hour will be together at their local Walmart, public libraries, and parks. 'My body, My choice,' 'Where there are risks there must be a choice.' America has always been the land of the free and FREE CHOICE.

I thank you for your time in reading this and hope that you will consider this bill outrageous and very unnecessary waste of state funds.

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March 22, 2019

House Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon, 97301

Re: Opposition to HB 2001

I am opposed to HB 2001 (the "Bill"). The Bill denies the right of citizens and local governments to determine what zoning and development is appropriate in each local area. Zoning and development should be decided at the local community level.

This Bill is NOT a solution to the affordability crisis; rather, it is a windfall for the developers. The City of Portland has found that rezoning all single-family lots to allow for quadraplexes does NOT promote home ownership but merely enriches the rental building owners. The Bill will result in mostly micro-rental units with unaffordable market-rate rents which will escalate over time. Rather than affordable housing, the Bill will result in speculative redevelopment accompanied by increased demolitions of the most-affordable existing housing and more displacements of the most-vulnerable residents.

The Bill is objectionable for the following reasons: Increases demolitions of affordable housing, creates unaffordable housing, promotes rentals over home ownership, no infrastructure requirements, bypasses Oregon's Land Use Goals, eliminates Single-Family Zoning, no market analysis performed, decreased fire safety in multi-units, lack of parking requirements, no transportation planning, no restrictions on vacation rentals, no protection for historic resources, and it destroys environmental protections.

No one needs or wants this Bill. Comprehensive Plans are in place to achieve a 20-year housing supply of all housing types, including detached single-family housing. Single-family housing should not be zoned out by State mandate.

I am requesting that the February 11, 2019 hearing be postponed for weather-related reasons and another hearing be scheduled when the public will be able to participate.

Please add this to the Record.

Thank you,

Gehl P. Babinec

Cc: Members of the House Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a Naturopathic physician and scientist specializing in pediatric health and development. I also have a Masters in Education and public teaching experience. I now work with various schools and communities in and around Portland to help teachers and parents to support children with learning differences, behavioral challenges, and health issues that are affecting childhood development, learning and growth. I have worked in this field for over 10 years and have followed the vaccine debate very closely. I have done immense personal research into the role of childhood illnesses in child development, and the effects as well as the science behind vaccinations.

Based upon my expertise and experience in this field, I urge you NOT to mandate vaccinations, as my professional opinion is that this would be a huge mistake for many children, families, and communities. It would significantly cause harm to many children's development, leading to a huge increase in learning difficulties, allergies and asthma, anxiety, and behavioral problems, because it exacerbates these symptoms in children who tend toward them.

Regardless of the lack of studies that explain how this is the case, we do not need (though we welcome) studies to show us *that* this is the case – we have plenty of cases that demonstrate it. I have seen this myself and am testifying to you that I have witnessed that vaccines exacerbate pathological, chronic tendencies.

A medical exemption is not enough because there haven't been enough medical studies on the children I see – in fact there have been none. This process has been unscientific and it makes no sense to me that you could feel or believe you are in a position to make such a decision. I have been following the science, and it is extremely one-sided and narrow. It has completely missed the big picture of child health and development, and a huge portion of the population.

There are many children who are not eligible for an IEP who should be studied and considered over many years – but there have been no such long-term studies!

Additionally, there is no study of a control group of un-vaccinated children, and this is exactly the group you are trying to eliminate. A control group is needed in any scientific analysis! Have you ever studied the health and life of un-vaccinated children and adults? I have done this research. Would you like to speak with me about this?

You are going against the very basis of science by seeking to eliminate any evidence we have of un-vaccinated children and adults. This unscientific attack of real evidence is a serious offense against a true understanding of the effects of vaccines.

I do not see you asking scientific questions, but instead, following the so-called science of today like a religion. You are taking away a religious belief because you want to insert your religious belief instead. If it were truly in the name of science, you would clearly need more information and research, a control group, and long-term overall health studies. All of the studies on vaccinations have been only focused on the expected short-term outcome and there are court cases going on today about how these have been falsified or mis-represented. How can you make a decision when the so-called science you are standing upon is currently under investigation?

If you believe that the desired goal of “herd immunity” will be achieved by mandating vaccinations, then you have not done the research necessary, for it is clear that this is not possible.

It is also not necessary. You will make the real problems our children and families face today much worse while trying to force medical intervention that does not address a real problem. These infectious diseases are not actually a real threat in our times. This is not due to vaccinations either, as the research proves that these childhood illnesses by far declined as a result of clean air, clean water, and a reduction of poverty and unhealthy living situations.

Vaccinations have a role in public and global health, and so they should be included as a choice and tool available for communities to locally work with given their specific situations and conditions. Vaccinations are certainly not a universal health solution, and in fact they make people less healthy. This is what I have to deal with in my medical practice – a decline in vitality and overall health, and increase in allergies, asthma, learning difficulties, a tendency towards chronic diseases, and a huge rise in anxiety and depression. Vaccinations are contributing to this decline, and so they need to be studied much more intelligently and wisely for us as a society to put them to use in their proper place.

If you mandate vaccinations in the state of Oregon, then I will be forced to move my practice and family (and my un-vaccinated, healthy children) out of state, and advise my patients to find a better place to live, where their democratic and human rights are respected.

Please do not cause harm – that is the first rule of medicine. Do not pass HB 3063.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ali Givens, ND

From: dhornberger@livingsavior-preschool.org
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: I Oppose HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 4:04:47 PM

I oppose HB3063 on the belief that families have a right to decide what immunizations or not they give to their children. The whole immunization program should be reconfigured so multiple shots aren't given at the same time and parents have a say in how many are given at a time.

I oppose HB3063

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From: [michael givens](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Re: HB 3063: Testimony from a Happy Valley resident
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 4:22:28 PM

Hi,

Can you clarify for me? - I attended the public hearing yesterday on N. Albina (Portland), and there were a number of others as well who did not get to speak on this issue. Is there another public hearing scheduled regarding HB 3063? If so, where and when?

Thank you so much for your help,
Michael Givens

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On Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 3:59 PM michael givens <mgivens.lac@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

I am confused, as I attended the meeting last night.

Can you clarify?

Thank you,
Michael

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On Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 3:57 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: michael givens <mgivens.lac@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:04 AM
To: waysandmeans budget <waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov>
Subject: HB 3063: Testimony from a Happy Valley resident

Hello,

Please include the attached testimony to the public record for the Ways and Means public hearing of HB 3063 on 3/21/19.

Sincerely,

Michael Givens

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From: [manefa kraskov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 6:43:01 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee Member,

Good morning, I hope all is well with you and thank you for taking the time to open my email and read my concerns.

If this bill passes, many will be forced to move out of state and i believe Oregon will become a ghost state. Why don't we take lead and show the other states that we will not be forced into giving up our freedom. I am not the only one who has this same idea, I fear how Oregon will address the estimated loss of 400 million dollars in revenue to public schools from the 31,500 students who currently hold an exemption? Going alongside the decrease in students, how many Oregon teachers will lose their jobs? How about the tax payers, do you think they will pay for taxes when their children aren't even allowed in school?

As parents would have to forcibly quit their jobs to homeschool their children, two income families go to one income, it will decrease state income tax and increase families qualifying for OHP, WIC and SNAP as many will need more government assistance.

Will the government be paying for all vaccinations since it will be forced upon us? Many will most definitely not be coerced into paying for something they do not want to receive. Will there be State-paid clinics set up all across Oregon offering complementary vaccinations for all?

Who will be paying for the funerals? Who will be paying for the vaccine injured children? Will the vaccine companies pay for them or the state of Oregon? Why do the vaccine companies get to be above the law? Can the state of Oregon afford that it can take that big of a hit paying for all of these?? I believe people will be asking and taking actions if anything happens to their child, because we where forced to take these vaccines. Even worse after this bill passes then now.

How will it be enforced 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? This bill seems a bit outrageous, that my child cannot attend public school, yet everyone will be roaming free in our local parks, Walmart, shopping malls, and airports.

Also to note that only 2.6% of oregon children are completely unvaccinated, and of all the states, Oregon has extremely high rates for MMR vaccines(high 96-98% all across oregon). This measles outbreak has made everyone go beyond extreme measures. I have no idea how any of this will be enforced, and I'm sure you have your doubts as well.

Thank you again for your time,

Manefa Kraskov

Sent from [Outlook](#)

PORTLAND—WHY MANDATED VACCINATIONS IS BAD SCIENCE

Dear Madam/Sir

The issue of vaccinations is such an important one, and one for which I am concerned you might not be getting the FULL picture. I have tried to summarize the essential points for you in bullet form. Please do me the courtesy of reading this document in full, and if you have questions or need more support for ANY of my positions, please write me and I will respond.

- I am a doctor and a scientist. I am not against vaccinations any more than I am against antibiotics. They both are important tools. If I had to go to a tropical country where I had concerns about my immune system's ability to adapt, I may well take a vaccine and be grateful for it, just as I would gratefully take an antibiotic if all other measures were not working and I was facing serious progression of illness or death.
- The problem is that they BOTH are being OVERUSED, with serious health consequences for our country as a whole.
- You understand how overuse of antibiotics is leading to the continued evolution of "superbugs", for which we increasingly have less means to fight in consequence. Can you see the parallel with vaccinations?
- Currently the CDC recommends 72 vaccinations for children through their 18th year of life. Some of these are given at birth when the body actually does not yet have an immune system to recruit, and some are given 5-6 at a time, which for some people is a demanding load to bear, and can have consequences
- In the late 1990's the CDC conducted the long-called-for randomized control trial to ascertain if there was any relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism. The study was headed by Dr Bill Thompson, under the head of the CDC, Dr Julie Gerberding. In the study, they found a POSITIVE correlation. But they thought there must be something wrong, so they changed the research design, then altered the population base, but still a correlation was shown, so they DESTROYED the data.
- Years later, Dr Thompson was overcome by guilt about this FRAUD and publically shared copies of the study which he had secretly kept, documenting how the data had borne out a correlation, and then had been subsequently "cooked" and ultimately destroyed by the research team.
- No one at the CDC was punished for this fraud. In fact, Dr Gerberding was subsequently given a position by Merck as head of their Vaccines Division.
- You can see this story in the film "VAXXED"—I recommend you give it a fair trial on your own, because it has been totally trashed by the media with arguments that have nothing to do with the film. At the VAXXED site, you can also download the 94MB of documents with CDC letterheads that Dr Thompson saved and which prove his case.
- It is just one case...but it is important in that it calls for more study, and certainly suggests we should NOT be mandating vaccinations AT LEAST until we have a clearer picture, if ever.
- Because vaccines are currently categorized as Biologics instead of Pharmaceuticals, they are not subject to the same research standards, and are often pushed through for public use in a matter of weeks, without proper study.
- Dr Marcia Angell, Harvard trained medical doctor and editor-in-chief of the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine for 20 years, came out with the reluctant statement that it is no longer possible to trust the research findings of most studies currently done today, because too often they are under the control of big pharmaceutical companies or other profit-based interests.
- Since 2003 in the United States, there have been two deaths from measles, but over 400 children have died from adverse events of the MMR vaccine.
- Vaccinations do NOT confer immunity...most of the outbreaks of disease are amongst the VACCINATED. It is quite typical to see incidences of diseases like chicken pox and pertussis have 65-75% rates of occurrence, or higher, among the VACCINATED. In Corpus Christi, Texas in 1983, for example, over 400 vaccinated students with 90% vaccination rates still got measles! The paradox of measles and other infectious diseases is that you cannot eradicate a live virus.
- Vaccinations target the humoral immune system (Th2), increasing the immune system's capacity for IDENTIFYING a virus, but not providing any basis for stimulating the generalized or TH1 immune response, in which the body mounts a fever and expresses specific cytokines associated with a general defense—interferon, IL-2, etc. In the absence of mounting this defense, the body does NOT have a full experience of the disease, and in consequence it will tend over time to NOT develop the greater warmth capacity that can come with the experience actual disease itself.

- To address this, vaccine makers will put various toxic “adjuvants” in their vaccines to provoke an inflammatory TH1 response. However, the toxins are chosen precisely because they do NOT break down easily in the body, chosen to provoke a sustained response, and unfortunately, unlike with a virus where an immune response can overcome it, with adjuvants it can instead be the case that CUMULATIVELY, after many doses of adjuvants in vaccines, there is a BIOPERSISTENCE of the adjuvant which the body can NOT overcome, and in which case we can see auto immune conditions arise. See these important works: “ Biopersistence and Brain Translocation of Aluminum Adjuvants in Vaccines”, by Romain Gherardi MD et.al., <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4318414/> and Vaccines and Autoimmunity, by Yehuda Shoenfeld MD et.al., Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.

- This is also a possible mechanism for understanding the development of autism in some individuals.

- An immune system built primarily around many vaccinations has actually LOST its balance, such that it's capacity for natural herd immunity is destroyed, replaced instead with a temporary and inadequate immunity necessitating a dependence upon

CONTINUED vaccinations (boosters), while also facing an increasing risk of new outbreaks and adverse outcomes, for want of sufficient response capacity in the face of ever new viral mutant strains. What had been historically a largely innocuous disease suddenly then becomes potentially dangerous again in an “immune compromised population...AND A MARKET IS CREATED FOR VACCINES This is an example of what Rene Dubos once called “the mirage of health”—backing ourselves increasingly into a sterilized corner while by necessity having to INCREASINGLY isolate ourselves from the rest of nature evolving around us...and so increasingly LOSING OUR ADAPTIVITY FOR SURVIVAL.

- For example, widespread chickenpox vaccination has removed natural Herd Immunity by preventing what were once predominantly manageable epidemics, eliminating ‘wild-type’ boosting (from natural evolutionary viral mutation), and so allowing immunity to FALL in individuals to the point where shingles is now much more common, occurring in young, apparently healthy people. Vaccination has created a new epidemic, to which Merck’s response is, ‘we’ve created a market; now let’s make a vaccine to prevent shingles.’

- Single nucleotide polymorphic variants (SNP’s) are individualized genetic risk factors that render some people specifically vulnerable to vaccinations. That number has been estimated at 10-15% of the population, or more....and the adverse affects can be lethal. This is NOT something we should mandate

- Currently manufacturers are NOT liable for the effects of vaccinations...they have no risk if the product affects people adversely. Rather, the cost is laid upon the American public via the publically funded “Vaccine Court” set up by President Reagan under pressure from pharmaceutical companies, which issues awards with tax dollars.

- 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.

- There are thousands of parents that won't be coerced to vaccinate. They will choose to homeschool, or leave the state, which will result in financial loss. Consider too the cost involved to enforce this bill, the cost in increased public assistance, the cost to the work force, and even the impact on the real estate market if people choose to sell their homes and leave the state!

- For so many reasons then, reasons grounded In SCIENCE, we need to tread very carefully in how we move forward with vaccinations. Oregon has always been a progressive light for the rest of thecountry in so many ways. With our eyes open, let's continue to be the kind of leader our country needs to serve the BEST interests of its people. Thank you so much for giving me your time. Sincerely,

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Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 6:51:52 PM

Dear Senator,

My name is Jalaine Jones. I am a lifelong Oregonian and the mother of a vaccine injured child. I oppose house bill 3063, and am asking you to support medical freedom.

Our family deals with with multigenerational chronic illness and several autoimmune diseases. Due to our family history, we felt that a delayed vaccine schedule was best for our child. Unfortunately, that did not stop her from having a buad reaction. When she was just 4 months old, she received two vaccinations- Pneumococcal (Pevnar13) and Haemophilus Influenzae type B (HiB). Very quickly she went from a smiling, happy and healthy baby, to a baby who was anything but so. Within a day she had a 101.5-102 degree Fahrenheit fever, and became inconsolable. She stopped sleeping at night, and for months woke 10-30x a night. I had to hold her 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or she would scream nonstop-she still cried while I held her too. Within 7-10 days, she became covered in red, burning hot, welting hives and mast cell flushing rashes. Her once beautiful skin was covered in oozing and crusty eczema. She began projectile vomiting 6-12 times per day. She had explosive bright green diarrhea 12-15x a day, full of mucus and sometimes even blood. Her diaper area was covered in oozing and bleeding sores caused by the bile digesting her skin on contact. It was so acidic I could smell it within seconds from across the room, and she would scream in pain. She started having seizure like episodes. Our sweet baby was so incredibly sick. In the 4 weeks following her vaccinations, we went to the pediatricians office and had advice nurse calls for a total of 12 times. Each visit, I was told not to worry, and that this was normal; which I could not believe. I had to pressure the pediatrician for referrals to pediatric dermatology, gastroenterology, neurology and allergy. All of these specialists agreed that something was terribly wrong with our Daughter.

During the 3 months following her vaccine injury, she lost 2lbs because she was vomiting and having such profuse diarrhea. She didn't grow in length for over 6 months. Doctors tossed around a lot of diagnosis' such as Food Protein Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES), Food Protein Proctocolitis Syndrome (FPIPS), Infantile Shuddering Attacks, Mast Cell Activation Syndrome, Hypercholenergic Urticaria, Eczema, and Contact Dermatitis. The worst of the symptoms lasted for over a year, and now at nearly 3 years old she is almost back to "normal." There is no doubt in our minds that the vaccines did this to her. She was a perfectly healthy baby the day before receiving those shots. Those vaccinations turned our entire lives upside down.

Please watch a video of my personal testimony here:
<https://youtu.be/0opccVISK8c>

Under House Bill 3063, our daughter will no longer be able to claim a religious or philosophical vaccine exemption. She does not qualify for a medical exemption in Oregon, because the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is extremely restrictive for who receives a medical vaccine exemption(2). The OHA does NOT take a doctors professional recommendations, or family medical history into consideration when deciding if a medical exemption will be issued. They will only issue a medical exemption if there is a serious life-threatening anaphylactic reaction or encephalopathy. The problem with this is that the OHA does not see our children, they do not know of the chronic illnesses that runs rampant in our family-and thousands of other families just like ours.

If HB 3063 becomes law, my vaccine injured daughter will no longer be able to rely on religious or philosophical exemptions to keep her safe. Please do not make our family choose between risking her life with vaccinations all over again, taking away her right to a quality education, or having to move out of our home state.

Vaccine reactions are not 1 in a million like we are lead to believe. There are 30,000 VAERS reports annually(3). A report funded by the HHS found that less than 1% of all vaccine adverse events are reported to VAERS, due to lack of clinician awareness of adverse events being vaccine-related(4). The real number of adverse vaccine reactions annually is approximately 3,000,000 (30,000x100=3,000,000). As of February 4, 2019, there had already been 167 compensation awards by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), totaling \$73,121,911.19 (5). As you can see, my daughter is not the only one adversely effected by vaccinations. Where there is so much risk, there must be choice.

I urge you to please oppose House Bill 3063, protect our daughter, protect all Oregon children, and to protect all of our medical freedom.

Thank you,

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Sources:

(1)
CDC standards for medical exemptions
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html>

(2)
OHA exemption application
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Pages/SchExemption.aspx>

OHA required shots for school and childcare
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Pages/SchRequiredImm.aspx>

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30,000 reports to VAERS each year*:
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Report funded by the HHS stating less than 1% of all vaccine adverse events are reported to VAERS, due to lack of clinician awareness of adverse events being vaccine-related:

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

(5)

VICP payout and number of vaccine doses administered:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/vaccine-compensation/data/monthly-stats-february-2019.pdf>

From: [Tanya Cotterell](#)
To: [Tanya Cotterell](#)
Subject: HB 3063 violates citizen's rights and will discriminate against my children
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:26:17 PM

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

I am a mother of four and I deeply oppose HB 3063.

Education is a pillar and a core value in our family. My children have all excelled in school and they currently attend Salem Christian Academy in Salem, OR. (grades 3, 6, 10, and 12)

They are all partially vaccinated. We followed the CDC vaccine schedule as directed for many years and we trusted that they were safe as we had never been informed of the potential risks. After experiencing three separate vaccine injuries in our family, and gaining insight into a genetic mutation that exists in our family and how it causes susceptibility to vaccine injury, we chose to discontinue the CDC vaccine schedule for our children with the support of our family physician.

Should HB 3063 pass and religious and philosophical exemptions be eliminated, the state will be in a position of discriminating against our children by not providing to them the right to an education.

Our daughter Emma is 18 years old and she is months away from High School graduation. She is a 4.0 National Honor Society student and is ranked top of her Senior class. She has been accepted to Corban University with a significant academic scholarship. This year she has committed herself to excelling with a heavy load of dual credit honors classes which will allow her to get a head start on her college education.

Should HB 3063 pass, our high-achieving daughter, who has devoted herself to being a contributing citizen and leader, will be prohibited from attending college in her home state. If this legislation is pushed through as an "emergency", for immediate implementation (which Governor Brown has stated she will do) she will not be able to attend her freshman year of college at all as the time for applying to out-of-state college is over.

Can you imagine how devastating this will be for her and countless other students who will experience this level of educational discrimination?

Our 16 year old daughter, Lydia, is incredibly intelligent and has many great options before her. Imagine how disappointed she was to learn that she may not be permitted to enroll in any high school program because her particular genetic makeup and previous vaccine injuries are not seen as adequate reasons by the state to abstain from receiving them. We are left scrambling to find a way to provide her with an education that offers her the high level opportunities that she deserves and that she has worked so hard for. Right now, I don't know that we will be able to offer her what she deserves.

Online school programs do not have the space to accommodate all of the students that will be pushed out of private and public schools in Oregon. There are over 31,500 students with vaccine exemptions. How does the state plan to provide a free and public education to each of these students when the online school programs are maxed out at capacity? How will they

provide school-medical services? How will they provide special services to those students who have an Individualized Education Plan? IEP services MUST be provided as per federal law.

My daughter Lydia has high-functioning autism. Her ASD became part of her life the day she received her 12 year MMR vaccines. I remember that day very well because it was the day she stopped sleeping. Sleep has been an incredible struggle for her since that day. She has also struggled with sensory impairments and social impairments, but she has grown into a beautiful and strong leader. Her intelligence levels tested far above average and she is incredibly creative and talented in many ways. Her strengths shine brighter than her struggles, but her life has not been easy. I am so proud of her achievements in life and in school.

The MMR vaccine caused her these struggles. I am so grateful that they did not cause greater harm as I have seen in so many other children. She truly has triumphed over her injury and that is why I am so angered at the thought that her educational opportunities may be stripped away from her simply because we have exercised our parental rights to protect her from further harm.

We have two younger children who love their school, their teachers, and their friends. They are both leaders in their classes and being pulled from school would be a tremendous loss to them.

As a parent, how do I look my nine year old in the eye and tell him that he will no longer be allowed to go to school because his particular DNA doesn't allow him to safely receive the vaccines that his classmates have. How is it that any child should have to hear that their medical needs legally disqualify them from going to school?

There are tens of thousands of children with a vaccine exemption in Oregon currently. The vast majority will not suddenly become fully vaccinated because parents have carefully chosen not to for medical or religious reasons. If you had to choose between keeping your child safe and healthy or sending them to school, which would you choose? As much as I love and value education, I will never roll the dice on a vaccine injury to keep my children in school.

Should this law pass, we will see many children left without a source of education. Think of the single mom who has a vaccine injured child. How will she choose between further harming her child's health in order to keep her child in school so that she can go to work and provide for her family or protecting her child's health and losing her job so that she can educate her child at home? She cannot make that choice.

I fear that we will see many children "homeschooling" on their own and without online courses because parents are at work and virtual school will be prohibited. The education of Oregon students will be greatly diminished should this bill pass.

In addition to the education discrimination that this legislation will cause, I am DEEPLY concerned for the specifics regarding amendment -13 that will prohibit children, teens, and adult college students from being present at functions held at schools or in facilities that hold "children's programs". This bans a large population group from many public, private, and community properties. Nothing could feel LESS American! I can think of many churches in our city that house preschools and daycares. Under this legislation, my children would be prohibited from attending many churches? They would not be able to watch a football game or go to a holiday concert at their former school?

I have enjoyed coaching and directing teams that compete in a fabulous STEAM based leadership and creative problem solving organization called Destination Imagination. This program prepares students to be the innovators and leaders of the next generation. All four of my children have competed and we have had 10 of our teams win first place in the state tournament and compete at the Global Tournament. If this legislation passes, my family will no longer be able to participate because tournaments are held in school buildings. My children won't be permitted to attend the tournaments. Of course, I would still be able to direct our program despite the fact that my children have far more vaccines than I do. But as you can imagine, I will not have any interest in volunteering in a program that discriminates against my children.

I can only imagine that many teachers feel the same way. Have you considered how many teachers will need to quit their jobs to stay home and educate their own children who have been forced into social isolation? I happen to know of many who say that they will be forced to do just that.

Regardless of one's feelings on vaccines, this bill strips citizens of medical freedoms and educational rights. It is not constitutional and it violates the right to education listed in the United Nations Human Rights Council.

In addition to the unbelievable violation of human rights that this bill proposes, it is beyond absurd that this mandate be considered when the vaccine manufactures themselves are protected from any liability due to harm their product may inflict. They will not stand behind the products that they insist must be injected into every Oregonian child. This is a blatant conflict of interest and threat to public safety if ever there was one. May I suggest that we first start with reinstating liability responsibility on the manufactures prior to ever mandate the usage of their products on our most vulnerable citizens?

There is great risk. The side effect risk enclosures in every vaccine package lay that out clearly, but the review of such enclosures are insufficient at best. Mandating vaccines will only further lessen the practice of informed consent as it will become irrelevant.

Where there is risk there must ALWAYS be choice. The right to refuse a vaccine that comes with risk of harm at the price of withholding education from one's child is not choice.

We moved to Oregon in 2017. We LOVE our new state so much! We are proud to call Oregon home. We thoroughly researched vaccine law prior to making our move to Salem, OR to make sure that our children would be able to have a good education. We specifically chose Salem because of the school that we wanted our children to attend. It will absolutely break our hearts to see them banned from attending the school that we have all grown to love and banned from attending any school at all.

This legislation will cause an economic disaster for many citizens, schools, and for the state of Oregon. The language used on this bill is vague and riddled with problems.

Please protect the practice of informed consent and the right to medical freedom by voting NO on House Bill 3063.

Thank you so much for your dedication to the protection of our children.

Tanya Cotterell

From: [James Cotterell](#)
To: [James Cotterell](#)
Subject: vote NO on HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:37:19 PM

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

I oppose HB 3063 because it will discriminate against my four children and over 32,500 partially-vaccinated or non-vaccinated children and many adult citizens who will be prevented from attending a college, university, or trade school.

My children have all excelled in school and they currently attend Salem Christian Academy in Salem, OR. (grades 3, 6, 10, and 12)

They are all partially vaccinated. We followed the CDC vaccine schedule as directed for many years and we trusted that they were safe as we had never been informed of the potential risks. After experiencing three separate vaccine injuries in our family, and gaining insight into a genetic mutation that exists in our family and how it causes susceptibility to vaccine injury, we chose to discontinue the CDC vaccine schedule for our children with the support of our family physician.

Should HB 3063 pass and religious and philosophical exemptions be eliminated, the state will be in a position of discriminating against our children by not providing to them the right to an education.

Our daughter Emma is 18 years old and she is months away from High School graduation. She is a 4.0 National Honor Society student and is ranked top of her Senior class. She has been accepted to Corban University with a significant academic scholarship. This year she has committed herself to excelling with a heavy load of dual credit honors classes which will allow her to get a head start on her college education.

Should HB 3063 pass, our high-achieving daughter, who has devoted herself to being a contributing citizen and leader, will be prohibited from attending college in her home state. If this legislation is pushed through as an "emergency", for immediate implementation (which Governor Brown has stated she will do) she will not be able to attend her freshman year of college at all as the time for applying to out-of-state college is over.

Can you imagine how devastating this will be for her and countless other students who will experience this level of educational discrimination?

Our 16 year old daughter, Lydia, is incredibly intelligent and has many great options before her. Imagine how disappointed she was to learn that she may not be permitted to enroll in any high school program because her particular genetic makeup and previous vaccine injuries are not seen as adequate reasons by the state to abstain from receiving them. We are left scrambling to find a way to provide her with an education that offers her the high level opportunities that she deserves and that she has worked so hard for. Right now, I don't know that we will be able to offer her what she deserves.

Online school programs do not have the space to accommodate all of the students that will be pushed out of private and public schools in Oregon. There are over 31,500 students with

vaccine exemptions. How does the state plan to provide a free and public education to each of these students when the online school programs are maxed out at capacity? How will they provide school-medical services? How will they provide special services to those students who have an Individualized Education Plan? IEP services MUST be provided as per federal law.

My daughter Lydia has high-functioning autism. Her ASD became part of her life the day she received her 12 year MMR vaccines. I remember that day very well because it was the day she stopped sleeping. Sleep has been an incredible struggle for her since that day. She has also struggled with sensory impairments and social impairments, but she has grown into a beautiful and strong leader. Her intelligence levels tested far above average and she is incredibly creative and talented in many ways. Her strengths shine brighter than her struggles, but her life has not been easy. I am so proud of her achievements in life and in school.

The MMR vaccine caused her these struggles. I am so grateful that they did not cause greater harm as I have seen in so many other children. She truly has triumphed over her injury and that is why I am so angered at the thought that her educational opportunities may be stripped away from her simply because we have exercised our parental rights to protect her from further harm.

We have two younger children who love their school, their teachers, and their friends. They are both leaders in their classes and being pulled from school would be a tremendous loss to them.

Should this law pass, we will see many children left without a source of education. Think of the single mom who has a vaccine injured child. How will she choose between further harming her child's health in order to keep her child in school so that she can go to work and provide for her family or protecting her child's health and losing her job so that she can educate her child at home? She cannot make that choice.

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From: [Anfisa Snegirev](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:43:30 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee members,

Please, I beg you, do not allow HB3063 to pass. I am a working, new mother (as of last year!) from Woodburn, Oregon. If this bill passes, I will be forced to, either quit my job and homeschool (if that will actually be an option) or move out of Oregon. The state should not be making medical choices for our families. The government should not be forcing their people to get injected with anything, let alone toxins and aborted fetal cells, that go greatly against one's moral and religious beliefs. My ancestors fled their homelands of Russia, and then China due to persecution because of their religious beliefs. Now it seems it's happening again. Never did I imagine in my lifetime I would have to flee America "the land of the free".

If this bill passes, where does the line end? Our children cannot attend school, then will they begin banning all the un-vaccinated from grocery stores, shopping malls, movie theaters, public parks? Until they stop using aborted fetal tissue and toxins in the ingredients, I will not be allowing my daughter to be injected with them. I have heard too many stories of vaccine injury, and personal stories from family who have vaccinated and un vaccinated children who say the ones who were vaccinated are sick more often than the ones who weren't. Please don't allow this right to take care of our own children to be taken away from us!

God bless.
Anfisa Kutsev

From: [C. Diglio](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: House Bill 3063 Mandatory Vaccinations
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:32:00 PM

March 22, 2019

TO: Joint Ways and Means Committee

RE: House Bill 3063 relating to mandatory vaccinations

The attached article is very enlightening regarding why aluminum is used in vaccinations. It seems that the protocol for vaccinations is flawed, thus vaccines are causing irrefutable harm to the recipients of them.

The below article describes in detail the reason aluminum is used in vaccines. That there is no precise understanding how aluminum works, but that aluminum hydroxide is a protoplasmic poison and a potent neurotoxin that is completely unnatural to the biochemical process of any life form on earth. Just call any poison control center and advise them of the chemicals (ingredients in the vaccine) ingested by a child without telling them it was by a vaccination!!!!

Due to the overwhelming attention to this issue more parents and concerned citizens are getting familiar with the potential problems with the current and proposed mandatory vaccination procedures.

Vaccinations in the past have worked due to strict administration guidelines. Unfortunately these guidelines have not been followed or disregarded due to no oversight.

If these facts are correct I think the committee might be concerned about the immense financial impact it would cause the State of Oregon in a number of ways.

There are so many factors regarding this issue that no one can imagine how HB3060 will affect Oregon.

There has never been a single study of the current vaccine schedule.

Combined doses of vaccines have not been tested.

Neurotoxins: cause brain damage. The extent is the only variable.

There have not been any official vaccine studies conducted by a party who doesn't financially benefit from vaccine sales.

Facts regarding administration of vaccines:

Vaccines contain many, toxic and apparently unnecessary ingredients.
Bovine (Cow) blood and gelatin cells.
Chicken blood and egg cells.
Cells from aborted human fetuses.
Patented toxic chemicals with proven negative biological effects (eg. Triton X-100).

Note: 55 Organizations Representing 5 Million have Served Legal Notice (currently a law lawsuit) to HHS for Failure to Conduct Vaccine Safety Test:

HHS had no response to the lack of safety testing, to the fact that they don't have a surveillance system and that their own system was unreliable.

That there could have been 5.9 million vaccine injuries in America in one year alone.

HHS Settled the Lawsuit and admitted they failed to conduct vaccine safety testing. HHS advised they did not locate any records to respond to request.

Sincerely,

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Factual Data Concerning Vaccines and the immune system

Why Is Aluminum in Vaccines and Is It Safe?

The most important thing to understand is what exactly is in a vaccine and how does it work? Additionally, why are potentially toxic ingredients such as aluminum in vaccines and is it safe?

Aluminum Hydroxide

Stanley Hem, professor of industrial and physical pharmacy at Purdue says "Aluminum hydroxide is used in vaccines to increase the body's production of antibodies, though no one knows how it works."

What is it?

Aluminum hydroxide is a protoplasmic poison and a potent neurotoxin that is completely unnatural to the biochemical process of any life form on earth. In simpler words, the human body does not know what to do with this man-made cell killer and in turn it remains unhindered in destroying life form.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated that aluminum is implicated as interfering with a variety of cellular and metabolic processes in the nervous system and other tissues.

Vaccines and the Immune System

Antigens are protein molecules that stimulate the immune system. Antibodies are protein molecules made by the immune system to defend against foreign substances.

In the 1930's vaccine researchers tested a number of ingredients to see what would effectively bring antigens into the body so the immune system of the individual would produce antibodies.

Aluminum was proved to be an effective adjuvant or substance that irritates the immune system and causes antibody production. The FDA limits the dosage to 0.85 mg of aluminum per vaccine to minimize exposure. Children following normal vaccine protocols receive up to 3.75-4 mg of aluminum in the first 6 months of life.

Godfather of Vaccines Under Oath

Dr. Stanley Plotkin is considered the godfather of the vaccine industry having been involved in the development of several vaccines himself. In January of 2018, Dr. Plotkin went on record during an 8 hour deposition confirming integral aspects of vaccinations and immunity and what scientific evidence has long suggested.

"Immune activation is the objective of vaccines" stated Dr. Plotkin. This response was in follow up to his recognition that IL-6 is an important factor in immune activation.

Do you see the problem? The stimulation of the immune system via vaccinations exhibits similarities to both short and long term health disorders and diseases.

Aluminum Toxicity

Aluminum compounds in the form of Aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate are contained in the following vaccines: diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP, Tdap), Haemophilus Influenzae, Pneumococcal (PCV), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Anthrax, & Rabies vaccines.

A 2004 article published by the FDA states, "Research indicates that patients with impaired kidney function including premature neonates who receive aluminum at greater rates than 4-5 mcg per kilogram of body weight per day accumulate aluminum at levels associated with central nervous system and bone toxicity."

Childhood Vaccination Schedule:

As noted earlier, the American Academy of Pediatrics is well aware that aluminum in vaccines disrupts cellular function. Still, multiple vaccines are injected into healthy children at “wellness” appointments.

Vaccinating young children threatens a child’s developing immune and neurological system.

Aluminum Levels Exceed Safety Limits:

Based on these FDA toxicity thresholds a 6lb baby could not handle more than 11-14 mcg of aluminum. The Hepatitis B vaccine which is given at birth contains 250 mcg which is 20x the toxicity threshold.

The average baby weighs close to 12 lbs at 2 months of age when they are injected with 1,225 mcg of aluminum in their vaccines which is 50 times the toxicity threshold.

Today, a fully vaccinated child receives 4,925 micrograms of aluminum through injection. This calculated dosage does not consider any aluminum that may cross the placenta into a fetus from vaccines given to pregnant women.

To see the complete report upload:

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

From: [Bonnie Lancaster](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 8:41:52 PM

Dear Representatives,

I am writing regarding HB 3063 which would remove all nonmedical vaccine exemptions in Oregon or would limit citizens' choice in medical care. I so much would argue that we do need to protect our communities and those who could be at risk of contracting diseases because of not being able to take vaccines (like for my sister who is 30 and on dialysis because of an autoimmune condition of Lupus, for babies, who have not yet received their boosters, or for young children who have less immunity). So vaccines definitely are and have been beneficial toward health and eradicating illnesses like polio and other serious diseases. And, it is also significant to note that in Oregon there are only a small number of people who choose not to receive all vaccinations, or that Oregon's unvaccinated rate is only 2.6% (which may mean that only one or two vaccinations were not administered).

While immunizations definitely are important, there are physicians who are on the side of caution and making decisions to vaccinate not as a complete across the board, or black and white, decision, but as also based on what is best medically for individuals. There are a few of us who are genetically at risk of developing autoimmune disease (who have autoimmune illness that runs in the family), or whose health very well could be compromised by being administered live, or other, vaccines; and there are even those in the medical community are suggesting that it very likely could be best to limit exposure to vaccinations in these situations or that autoimmune illness could be triggered. Even though there could be medical exemption granted by a provider through the state, it seems so vitally important that independent research be conducted to look specifically at whether people who have autoimmune genetic markers and are immunized are more likely to develop autoimmune illness. Any current exemption through our state would be based upon past research findings or not a full picture of how people at risk for autoimmune illness might be harmed until research is completed to carefully address this question. So if a bill like this were passed, then these individuals who very well could be harmed by having vaccinations likely would not have a choice to forego treatment (or not unless autoimmune illness was already obviously present). While our medical advances are very helpful and beneficial for health overall, it seems so incredibly important to allow for some choice in medical care- some exemptions due to health concerns.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Lancaster

From: [Claudia Kutsev](#)
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Subject: Testimony opposing HB3063
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 10:01:04 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee members:

My name is Claudia Kutsev, wife and mother of two elementary school kids and one due on an expected date of March 28, 2019. I attended the testimony hearings yesterday evening and I would like to explain to you why I oppose HB3063 and would strongly encourage you to oppose HB3063.

This bill abolishes medical freedom and parental choice. I believe it should be a decision made between a doctor and the parents to make decisions on what we put into our children's bodies and not a decision that be made by state legislatures. I understand that you want what every Oregonian wants which is good health for Oregon's children, but denying our children entry to school for not being vaccinated is not the answer. This will create incredible loss of school funding as thousands of students will be forcibly pulled out of schools as parents will not be coerced into mandatory vaccinations. There will be loss of teachers jobs as a result of less students. Many households will go from a two income household to one as one parent will need to home school their children. This will create an incredible financial impact on thousands of families as they will be in need of government assistance programs such as: SNAP, OHP, WIC and etc. because of a one income household. This will create loss of revenue in Oregon because families will be moving out of Oregon.

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I appreciate your time in reading my testimony and strongly encourage you to oppose HB3063.

Thank you,

Claudia Kutsev

From: [Katerina Cam](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Funding: Marion County
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:14:47 AM

To whom it may concern:

I'm no one of importance, just a housewife in the small city of Woodburn, but I'm also a U.S. citizen and a mother of 5 children. We matter too. I belong to a large religious community with strong beliefs, what those beliefs are doesn't matter right now, what does matter is that we live in a country that has always protected our beliefs, our freedom of religion. That is why our ancestors came to America, to escape the communism and religious persecution they were enduring in Russia and China. To give their future generations a greater chance at a better life, with religious freedom, a right to choose in what way they wanted to raise their children, and that includes what they put into their bodies. I am not against modern medicine, I am against being forced to put something into my healthy child. What happened to "My body, My choice"??

Our ancestors chose Oregon because of its diversity and beautiful land. It has been an amazing place to grow up and raise our children, and we would be devastated to leave it, but to protect our rights as human beings we would have no choice. My husband and I are now talking about where else in the U.S. we could thrive as much as we have in Oregon. And believe me when I say we are not the only ones. We have a 15 year old daughter that now has a very opinionated mind of her own, she has every right to have a voice about what goes into her body and is now saying she will drop out of high school if this bill passes. That's just unacceptable. A child feeling like they have no other choice but to stop their education just to protect their beliefs.

The only other option for us would be to pull our children out of public schooling and homeschool, but with 7 mouths to feed in our house hold that just doesn't seem feasible. But of course still be forced to pay a state tax for public schools that we are no longer allowed into. But like I said what choice do we have? We will not be bullied into going against our beliefs and being forced medicine we do not believe is for our greater good. Is this what Oregon has come to? Why are we being being targeted when we are the minority? 96% of Oregon IS vaccinated! With more partially vaccinated! The current exemptions have always worked, why change them now? Is Oregon truly prepared for the outcome of passing this bill? State funding needs to be used to keep kids IN schools not to get them OUT!! Keep kids IN schools! Support and protect children's education and futures! And teachers jobs!

Thank you for your time.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Hill, Mandy](#)
Subject: HB 3063; Community members first time ever reaching out
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 11:25:57 AM

Good morning,

I am not part of an organized group and I am not a politically involved person. I don't watch tv and am usually the last one to know what is happening in the news. I usually vote for president and representatives that follow more "democrat" views, as I did again this year. However that is changing. The way I learned of the current bill HB 3063 was from my cousin in Georgia who plans on moving here next month. That was 2 weeks, and 2 days ago. Since then, I have read, watched, and listened to our legislators discuss their views on why this bill is either supported or not. I understand the various view's and wonder how all person's concerns could be addressed and needs met for all, without the use of force, threat of separation, and division. I am reading about our legislative process, learning how a bill gets introduced, and how a bill becomes law. All things I have not been concerned with until now. As I listened to each person speak about their views on making vaccinations mandatory, the one thing I did not hear was talk of alternatives to reaching the same goals.

I am writing to you because me and my family need your help and we need options, other than those being proposed by HB 3063.

I am a single mother of 3 beautiful healthy children. I believe in the usefulness of vaccines and the need to protect people from dangerous diseases. I unfortunately have 2 children who had such severe reactions on multiple well child +vaccination visits that we had no choice other than stop vaccinating all together. When I say severe reaction, I'm describing eyes rolling back in their heads, uncontrollable-prolonged seizures, and organ failure. My oldest missed his first month of kindergarten after his 3rd severe reaction at 5 years old. My middle child's last episode resulting in 3 organs shutting down she was only 18 months old. I have sought medical exemptions for them but have been repeatedly denied, by "reason that my children's acute episodes could not be proven to be due to vaccines." I myself have severe reactions to vaccines but without the organ failure or prolonged seizures and have to be very careful about which vaccines I accepted my entire adult life. As a family, we choose organic foods, products without aluminum or mercury including our lotions and deoderant. We limit exposure to egg or other animal products as well. We still do not know why or what it is in some vaccines that cause my family such harmful side effects. My brother, and two cousins also have similar reactions, as do some of their children. It has been my decision based on demonstrated adverse reactions to vaccines in addition with my and my families history to avoid ingredients found in vaccines in our daily life, as well as any further vaccines, to further prevent any possible tragic episodes.

I am happy to tell you that it has been successful for us, and for 10 years we have not had any health problems other than an occasional cold. Despite this, my recent request for medical exemption was denied again, being instructed I would need to prove causation.

The thought of being forced to vaccinate MY children, get them all caught up on all recommended doses-in a very short amount of time, or be dismembered from the society we are active in, is unfathomable. For us, it is not about not being educated enough about the risks for preventable diseases, nor is it about religious views, nor is it about a philosophical view I hold. For us, the choice to with hold further vaccinations from my children and avoid their

ingredients in our every day life is about protecting them from ever having to experience what they have and almost dying, ever again.

It has been demoralizing and frustrating having to apply for a religious/philosophical exemption to protect my children from "school exclusion" day every February, as if I should have to defend my children's status in their own school. But I do, every year. Recently, I had to take an online course, educating me of the value of vaccines despite knowing first hand that they are not safe for all.

And now HB 3063. What do I do to protect my children if my elected officials take that power from me. I am a social worker, and marriage and family therapist. I protect and serve those vulnerable in our communities every day as a financial living and for deep meaning in my life. In the last two weeks, I have listened, watched, and am living in a constant state of fear of what will come to us if this passes. It is not an option to further vaccinate for my children, their adverse reactions far outweigh any benefit from the protection vaccines provide. I have cried, lost sleep, and have reached out to family and friends to help me cope with the stress this has caused. My children are well behaved, are on the honor roll, and are star athletes with big dreams for their athletic futures in college someday. So much to lose.

If they are not allowed to continue with school, I will have to quit my job. I am the only provider for them, and I have to work. Their sense of connection to their school and coaches and our church is great and directly relates to their sense of self worth, connection, and value in our community. I cannot fathom all of this being taken away from them, or any child. In a society where we are seeing increased violence, dissidence, anger, and acting out, there are actually people who believe segregating children from their communities is for the wellness of all.

I believe it to be quite the opposite. I believe we need children to feel included, valued, and connected to their communities, coaches, churches, and their legislators. I also believe parents will do whatever is needed to protect them from harm even if that means not being able to provide immunity to preventable diseases. As is in my case. It disheartens and frightens me that we have elected officials, who we have entrusted to do no harm and to make laws to protect us all, are dismissing citizens like me and mine, and the potential devastating impact of increased depression and violence in our beautiful state.

As I go to work everyday, fighting to help children and adults of all ages overcome their feelings of disenfranchisement, disconnection, loneliness, racism, addiction issues, broken families, and low self esteem, I cannot think of one reason to justify supporting this bill, without causing harm. Laws are designed to protect, not harm. This bill, if passed, will cause devastation on my family, my brothers family, and so many others I know.

Please find another way to protect our citizens from disease, without the use of forced medicines that are not safe for all, or threat of losing the right to an education, and allow mothers like me to continue doing what we do best and make decisions that are in our children's best interest.

With all due respect, prayer, and hope for our leaders to engender a future as a connected, valued society,

Ms Mandy Hill

From: [Rochelle Hellar](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Vaccines are ok
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 12:10:28 PM

If we get get if the aluminum.

That's all we get aluminum from food like you said but it also comes from weather modification the chemicals sprayed from planes if you've noticed our flies get a lot more cloudy from chemtrails. Aluminum injected goes through our brain blood barriers which many of us cannot be healthy with.

Hep B gave me an autoimmune disease.

Thank you

Rochelle

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Testimony opposing HB3063
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 12:29:46 PM

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From: [M. Sanrov](#)
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Subject: HB-3603 : letter from lifelong residents, business owners, parents
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 1:17:59 PM
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My name is Maria Sanarov. I am a life-long resident of Oregon born here in 1979 and am currently residing in Marion County. I am wife to an army veteran who is also a life-long Oregon resident and who served as a reservist for 8 years, 2 of which were on active duty after 9/11. I am a graduate of Central Oregon Community College with an associate's degree in business management and accounting and my husband and I own and operate two businesses in Oregon with eight employees.

I am also the mother of three children who attend Oregon schools. I volunteer at my children's school and provide support to the school in various ways such as making donations or participating on advisory boards of school programs. My children are good students with A and B grades, participate in sports and have many friends in the schools they attend.

And even though my husband and I personally believe that vaccines can do good and have chosen to have our children vaccinated, I am writing to ask that the proposed changes to HB 3063, which amounts to forcible vaccination, does not get implemented.

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- Mass exodus and brain drain of business and families out of Oregon to other states or countries where vaccine exemptions are allowed. And for my community, this is not a hollow threat as there are numerous established Old Believer communities in other states that allow religious exemption such as Alaska, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Aside from the vaccine issue, these states are much more business friendly with lower taxes and bureaucracy across the board. And our migration would not be nearly as harrowing as our ancestors was.
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I estimate a combined loss of about \$20 million dollars of gross revenue and 100 employees for the handful of Oregon companies that I keep books for in my small bookkeeping business alone which operate out of Oregon but are seriously talking about relocating out of state should this change in the law.

It can't be denied that there will absolutely be a significant sector of Oregon population that will be affected by changing this law, so what is the plan to mediate those effects? How about an exemption for certain circumstances? Oh, but wait! Those exemptions already exist and are in place, so to put it in simple terms, why fix what isn't broken?

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Why would Oregon want to cause the loss of residents and revenues and increase needs for benefits at a time when the Oregon government is already facing huge budget shortages and trying to find a way to grapple with PERS?

Once again, why fix what isn't broken? Right now, unvaccinated children stay home until the threat passes. This seems to be the perfect compromise. It allows all children the right to public education and keeps the spread of disease to a minimum because as you know vaccination isn't foolproof and even vaccinated people can still end up with the disease they were vaccinated from.

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http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31058&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

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Based on all of the above information and as an active productive tax paying life-long resident of Oregon and current mother and (god willing) a future grandmother of school aged children, Implore your committee to stop the proposed changes to a law that already works as it was intended to, which provides protection and inclusion of all sectors of this state's population, keeps our economy intact and keeps funding going to the more important issues at hand, such as PERS and school budgets.

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Thank you for time and reading through my letters to hear my concerns regarding this matter.

MARIA SANAROV

PS- I'm including photos of our ancestors arriving in US and one of my own family. These are the faces of the people that moved heaven & earth to come to this land for religious freedom. Please don't needlessly erode away that freedom that let their struggle and sacrifice be for nothing.

*I've been told the group arriving off the airplane is being greeted at the end of the steps on the left side by one of the Kennedy brothers.



A group of Old Believers arrive at New York's international airport. Sponsored by the Tolstoy Foundation they were flown by ICEM on a chartered jet from Ankara, Turkey. © Pan American World Airways 1963 - HUS0057



Two ICEM charter-planes landed at New York's airport on 5 June 1963. They flew from Turkey, carrying 224 Old Believers; remnants of a religious sect that fled from Russia over three hundred years ago. More than half aboard the flights are children under seventeen years of age. © The New York Times 1963]- HUS0063



Maria Sanarov -hotmail acct

From: [jessica laine](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 4:12:49 PM

Hello, my name is Jessica Laine and I live Salem, OR. I am opposed to HB3063 and I am asking you to stand with me and several others in opposing this bill. HB3063 will prohibit a lot of children from getting a free education that they are entitled to get. It also puts children who have an IEP/504 at risk of losing services they thrive from. I know myself and thousands of others value our medical freedoms and the right to decline medical treatments that come with risks. Where there is risk there needs to be choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Jessica Laine

From: [lizaveta.kuznetsov](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB3063 Testimony
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 5:49:20 PM

My name is Lizaveta Kuznetsov. I am a life-long resident of Oregon born here in 1983 and am currently residing in Marion County.

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Thank you for time and reading through my letter, to hear my concerns regarding this matter.

Lizaveta Kuznetsov

From: [Meilannya Vshivkoff](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Woodburn Oregon
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 7:12:19 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee members,

I attended the testimony hearings Thursday evening. There are so many other ways that our state funds need to go to rather than HB3063. Passing this bill will be a big loss of revenue throughout and will hit Oregon economy hard:

LOSS of school funding as thousands of students will forcibly be pulled out of school as parents won't be coerced into mandatory vaccines.

LOSS of teachers jobs as a result of less students.

LOSS of state income tax amounts as many families will go from a two income household to one, so one parent can stay home to homeschool.

LOSS of more money needed to fund government assistance such as OHP, SNAP, and WIC, as many families will struggle financially with one less spouse working.

LOSS of other tax revenues from people who will be moving out of Oregon if this passes.

LOSS of money that will need to be used to provide these mandatory vaccines, as many will most definitely not be paying for something that they do not want.

All I see here is a loss of money all over! Why punish public schooling with mandatory vaccines, when all of these children will be segregated one hour of the day, and the next hour will be together at their local Walmart, public libraries, and parks. 'My body, My choice,' 'Where there are risks there must be a choice.' America has always been the land of the free and FREE CHOICE.

I thank you for your time in reading this and hope that you will consider this bill outrageous and very unnecessary waste of state funds.

Sincerely,

Meilannya vshivkoff



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March 25, 2019

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 357
Before the Joint Committee on Ways & Means

Mark R. Wada
Farleigh Wada Witt

Good afternoon Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward, Rayfield and members of the Committee. My name is Mark Wada. I live in West Linn, Oregon and I am a shareholder in the law firm of Farleigh Wada Witt. I am testifying here today on behalf of the Campaign for Equal Justice in my role as a Board member, volunteer, and donor. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 357 to increase state funding for civil legal aid.

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. 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.

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. At current funding levels, only 16% of those Oregonians with legal problems were able to find legal help.

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 a recent legal needs 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:

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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.

Having a strong legal aid presence in communities makes them safer. That benefits not only the clients who are able to access such services, but the community as a whole.

This country was founded on principles of justice, equal protection under the law, and fundamental fairness. We are falling short of fulfilling that promise, and the enactment of SB 357 will help us close the gap.

From: [Veronica Darling](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Revenue Impacts
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:36:18 AM

Ways & Means Committee Members,

I was present at the hearing this evening as was unable to give testimony at the mic due to the huge showing of individuals and time constraints. My testimony is below.

My name is Veronica Darling I'm from the Portland area. I moved here three years ago from California after I lost the right to choose what I believe is best for my family via SB277. I have seven children and three of them are foster children. If HB3063 passes I'll be faced with coercion to vaccinate against my beliefs in order to send my children to school or segregation by homeschool. I moved my family once to escape tyranny and will do it again if I have to. What does this mean for Oregon? For starters, OR will lose a loving foster home. Whether I move or not, I'll be required to take the time I use to serve my foster children to instead homeschool my children. The three children who are healing from trauma in my care will have to be moved to a different home as we flee and adapt. With the crisis of too few foster homes and too many foster children how can DHS afford this kind of loss? This legislation will have a direct impact on an already overburdened system, both in lack of homes and lack of sufficient funds. My property taxes and income taxes will go elsewhere THOS EQUATES TO A LOSS OF REVENUE. It will lose the tax dollars of every family who leaves this state in pursuit of freedom. Have you checked into the totality of the financial burden that SB277 placed on CA in its years since implementation? What is the total financial impact of this measure? When I leave, Oregon will have four fewer students in the classrooms. Add that to the other 30,000 children like mine who will be impacted by HB3063. How will that affect our educators and their families? You hear them here crying out for sufficient funding and yet the house health committee recommends you pass legislation that would put Oregon in a further deficit. You have mental health professionals who are overburdened and underpaid before you today. How will the isolation and segregation of over 30,000 kids like mine impact those needs? We have heard from many refugees and immigrants today. Let's be better than the places they have left behind. Please oppose HB3063, it's the responsible thing to do.

Thank you,

Veronica Darling

From: [Erica Peirson](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Portland, Oregon
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:46:58 AM

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: [Eric Butler](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: Budget considerations: invasive species policies
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:45:41 PM

I am writing in support of three bills (SB 257, SB 445, and HB 5002) supporting Oregon's efforts to manage invasive species. Pests, weeds, and diseases, both established and emerging, are major threats to our economy, our natural resources, and even human health. The most reliable and least costly way to respond to a biological invasion is to detect and contain it as quickly as possible; neglecting these threats risks much worse outcomes down the road. Anyone who has seen the impacts of zebra and quagga mussels on freshwater resources in the Colorado Basin, yellow starthistle on range land in Idaho, or emerald ash borer on forests east of the Rockies knows how much we stand to lose from the most dangerous invasive species not yet widely established here, and why it is critical that we be prepared to exclude, respond, and mitigate these threats.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Butler

From: [Suzanne Monaco](#)
To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
Subject: HB 3063 Oppose - Bend
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:03:07 PM

Dear Joint Committee On Ways and Means:

Please find below a list of budgetary items that I would like taken under consideration:

1. How many families have moved to Oregon from California after the passage of vaccine mandates? I know in Bend we have seen a housing boom the past few years of Californians. Since we are not walking around with identification of who is vaccinated or not, I would hope you can work with OHA to cross reference religious/philosophical exemptions with new families from California that have moved to Oregon.
2. We all know numbers can be massaged and cross referenced to support your biased stance of passage of this Bill. Will the numbers to support or not support be made public and audited by a non biased individual? I struggle with knowing that one of the Co-Chairs Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward tried to pass a similar bill (albeit not as draconian as this one) and failed. Isn't this a conflict of interest?
3. The Bill states, "A child described in this subsection 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." Here are my questions are there are financial implications:
 - What if a child is not vaccinated and walks into a school for a concert to see a friend or sibling who is fully vaccinated? Will you be hiring security guards? Will the State be issuing cards for children to carry at all times? And how does this make any sense as my unvaccinated child is still free to go to the movies and any other public park.
 - What if my unvaccinated child attends church that is hosted in a school? Again will security guards be at the school as this does not take place during school times?
 - What if an unvaccinated child shows up at a building where there is a school group field trip? This came up at the working session with an example being a field trip to the State Capital. Again, how is this enforced?
4. In my case, my healthy children ages 11 and 14 are in the talented and gifted programs. Their Smarter Balance test scores are at the highest levels, which I know helps funding to the schools they attend. Every year they ask to opt out but I have them take the test to support their school funding. What will be the financial impact of my children not attending public schools?
5. What will the financial impact to the State be of the closure of many small and religious private schools?
6. What will the financial impact be of families like mine moving to another State? What will draw people to move to Oregon?

I wish this much time and money would be spent on our public education system, not pushing children out of it due to a mandate that makes no sense. This isn't about pro vs anti vaccine. Money should be spent on a more thorough education program and requirements that a parent can opt out after watching the video as we do today and further discussions with their doctor (as I do today) in making the best decision for my thriving family. And if you are so worried after my children's safety, enforcing the strictest gun control laws should be the discussion! Because guns kill more children than diseases. And the vaccines you are mandating, are not 100% safe and effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration as I look forward to your answers.

Regards,
Suzanne Monaco

Bend, OR

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To: [waysandmeans budget](#)
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To whom it may concern:

I grew up in Portland Oregon and went to parochial and public schools through high school, college, graduate school and law school, all locally.

Let's set the stage during this time period. The vira that were around the Portland metropolitan/US population during my education were measles, mumps, chicken pox and polio. Somewhat the same today but for different reasons, a result of a few unintended consequences of recent generational parental choice taken from today's parents nationwide, giving all of us the the mess that vira vaccinations have become today

I belong to no group, am a registered independent, vote and contribute. I have no axe to grind and am a wise, sociable, person, who was raised during a time when parental choice was responsible for my well being, including diseases.

Early childhood had three common vira, measles, mumps and chicken pox, they were called early childhood diseases. My parents chose my family's method of inoculation, vaccination and immunization and that is called exposure. The fourth virus, polio, is a different matter from the first three.

As my siblings and myself had no input on what or how my parents deemed the best plan for inoculation/immunization against the vira was going to be, they along with the overall majority of parents **CHOSE**, not legislated. They chose to expose their children to each type of virus, except polio, to build each child's own immunization process by getting the virus if you could, and build self immunity from further exposure(s). My siblings, my self, friends, neighbors, school mates mostly had measles, mumps and chicken pox, **ONCE**, never had them again. The schools used to have measles, mumps and chicken pox room(s) where all students who had the virus attended class(es) until recovered. It was no big deal and it was parental choice. I knew no one that ever got any of the vira again.

Polio is a different matter and issue entirely. The only vaccination that I received was the Salk and later Sabin booster. Polio is in an entirely different category from early childhood disease for a multitude of reasons that I am certain you already know.

Unfortunately, politics has entered everything today, I have no idea how my generation (largest ever) made it with parental choice as the method of immunization. We are living proof that natural inoculation and immunization work well with very little side effects, as well as the rest of the world, how did homo sapien ever make it this far with choice? What is now called a state wide epidemic would have been laughed at in my school as that would have been the population of only a few classes of children at my school.

The financial ramifications of denying parental choice for vaccination is a disaster in process and ultimately will end up, after disaster, being labeled as another well intended legislated or budgeted goal with entirely unforeseen consequences, because it makes those in control feel better at the time they chose to do this. Unintended consequences for some legislative or

budgetary goal(s) are a direct result of how it makes the legislators, committees feel good at the time of their action. You, not personally, then leave us, the intended beneficiaries of your goals to suffer the consequences. Beat your chest, feel good about it at the time, as it was well intended but move on to the next hot issue and we bear the damage for a lifetime.

Please continue to let parental choice be the reasonable standard for all parents in this matter.

Sincerely, Dan Kehoe