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I oppose HB 2278, which authorizes pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine to babies 6 months and older. Why the jump from 7 years to 6 months for getting their first flu shot? Have studies been conducted to see if and how the vaccine could impact a rapidly developing baby? Babies and young children already have a slew of vaccines on the childhood vaccine schedule, many of them are unnecessary, and they rob the child's immune system of the opportunity to create their own antibodies to fight off infection long-term. This seems like a big win for big pharma and their credibility has been destroyed in the last few years; we need to rebuild trust between big pharma, government, and the people; this bill does not lend itself to that.