

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the public hearing for SB-858 and SB-94 however I would like to voice opposition to SB-858.

No vaccine should ever be administered to a child without parental knowledge or consent. The HPV vaccine should definitely not be required to be administered to any child. Notwithstanding religious objections to a vaccine that protects against a virus that is spread by sexual activity, the vaccine is not a cure and is only effective for approximately five years. From MDWeb: "The vaccines are not an HPV cure. But both HPV vaccines have been shown to provide protection for five years."

When a child is 9 to 12 they should not be engaging in behavior that would promote the spread of HPV. This is a subject that should be handled by the parents. If the parents believe that their child may be exposed to this then they should be able to choose to get it. If the parents are strong in their relationship with their children and equally strong in their faith then they should not be forced to go against their religious beliefs.

This is an egregious overreach of the state to allow for vaccinations of any kind to be administered without parental consent.

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