

OPPOSE SB 94

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I do not agree with a mandate for the administration of the flu vaccine for a minor child without a parent's knowledge or consent as called for in SB 94.

There is a reason why parents have legal guardianship over minor children, and that is because minor children do not have the knowledge, experience or mental ability to be able to make decisions of informed consent, especially informed medical consent, for themselves.

A minor child could not possibly understand the risks associated with an invasive medical procedure such as a vaccine, and therefore true informed consent is simply not possible.

This mandate is an egregious overreach of the government into the health choices that I make for my family and my children. The administration of a vaccine is a medical procedure for which my family and I need to have a CHOICE because there are adverse risk reactions, which are listed on the vaccine insert. Vaccines are not a one-size-fits-all medical procedure. My search of the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control VAERS \(Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System\)](#) lists over 458 deaths, 460 anaphylactic reactions, 1,320 cases of convulsions, 2,004 cases of Guillain-Barre' syndrome, 523 cases of paralysis and 363 cases of seizures from flu vaccines as of December 2018.

The United States Congress, when implementing the 1986 law that created the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, regarded vaccines as "unavoidably unsafe", as they carry known risks, such as those listed on a vaccine's insert.

A parent cannot sue a vaccine manufacturer if their child dies or is injured from the vaccine. There is no other product on the market that has ZERO liability. Instead a family dealing with the loss or injury of their child from a vaccine must sue the federal government in "vaccine court", and very few families have the wherewithal to do this.

SB 94 is an overreach of state legislation and seeks to override my role as a parent in guiding my children's health outcomes. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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