

February 20, 2019

Dear Public Health Committee,

I do have some reservations about SB-95, however I am in **favor of SB-94– AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS AND OLDER – As long as this vaccine is only administered with the consent of a parent or guardian and only at a pharmacy. And, as long as the language of the bill remains unchanged.**

I OPPOSE any Amendments to this bill that change the wording to include without parental consent. I also OPPOSE any amendments that would violate my First Amendment Rights and erode religious vaccine exemptions or freedom of conscious. I am concerned if this bill is passed, that it is leaving room for legislative creep.

There are potential risks as pharmacists are not properly trained and there are many cases of SIRVA (Shoulder injury) as a result of improper administration of vaccinations. Also, who would be responsible if a child has a reaction from the vaccine. Pharmacists are not trained to treat or respond to adverse reactions.

Another concern is that the flu vaccine contains dangerous amounts of aluminum and pharmacists do not properly warn patients of all potential side-effects. Pharmacists also do not know the full medical history of the child, like their pediatrician does.

Sincerely,  
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