

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee

I am writing to Oppose SB 94: **AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.**

To reduce the costs of and expand access to the administration of the influenza vaccine for minors.

I feel that the administration of vaccinations, especially for minors, should be done in the Pediatrician's office. This would ensure that the vaccine administration would be documented in the medical record and would be on file. This would prevent the minor from accidentally receiving the vaccine twice and to assist with documentation of an adverse event, if it did occur. The doctor and nurse would be available to review the vaccine information statement, allowing the parent to make an informed decision based on that information.

There is the possibility that if the pharmacist is giving the flu vaccine, that it would be done without the consent of the parent. This is a violation of parental rights. The parent should be making the choice for their child.

Thank you for your consideration,

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