

Dear Public Health Committee Members:

I write to oppose SB 94 which seeks to allow pharmacists to administer flu shots to 12 year olds and up.

The flu shot has not only been shown to be highly ineffective and actually have negative efficacy over time, it also is one of the most likely to cause severe adverse events (as per US government VAERS data). A minor is not capable of weighing the risk-benefit profile of the flu vaccination, especially in the environment of a pharmacy, and with a pharmacist who may be unaware of the risks of the vaccine for certain individuals. The pharmacist may not have even read the vaccine insert, for example, or know if the child has recently been ill or is on medication. A parent or family member who is familiar with the child's health history and family medical history should be consulted and present. In addition, should the child experience an adverse reaction, the parent, without knowledge of their child's vaccination, would not be able to respond quickly to that injury.

From personal experience I know how important it is to read the vaccine insert carefully. My doctor clearly did not before vaccinating my child, (or he chose to ignore it?), as the information there clearly cautioned against vaccinating a child with our family history. Had I had access to that insert at the time I could have spared my daughter a debilitating, life-long illness.

Hopefully we can begin to get the word out to parents to read the vaccine inserts before proceeding with vaccination, since our doctors seem to have been indoctrinated to believe that they are safe for everyone at all times. The vaccine manufacturers themselves have put the inserts out for all to consider--they are not classified documents.

For a discussion of how the media distort the realities of flu vaccine effectiveness and negative efficacy, see:

<https://www.bmj.com/content/360/bmj.k15/rr>

Please vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,

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