

*Testimony for SB 314
Opponent
Written Only Testimony*

Senate Public Health Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB 314. I oppose the bill prohibiting the secretary of health and environment from requiring COVID-19 vaccination for children attending a child care facility or school." This bill has the potential to put our children, schools, and the public in extreme danger.

Vaccine requirements should be managed and enforced by the federal, state, and local medical and public health organizations that have experience understanding and executing communicable disease identification and control best practices. The legislature is not the appropriate organization to regulate vaccinations.

Vaccines are safe and effective, and there is strong agreement across partisan lines that wellness vaccines are beneficial.

I urge you to vote no on SB 314 and not alter immunization requirements.

*Regards,
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