

HB 1468

I strongly urge you for a "DO PASS" vote on this bill.

I have four children, have supported women in birth, and work every day in health care, so I have seen the obvious need for a bill supporting informed consent regarding vaccinations. I have personally witnessed health providers use guilt and fear mongering to ensure that the patient agreed/did not refuse an injection. I've also witnessed injuries be excused because they couldn't be from the vaccine. Things such as:

"Tell her she will die if she doesn't take it."

"Don't tell her it's a flu shot, just tell her you have some medicine to give her."

"You have to be up to date with your vaccinations to go to school."

"Your son screaming all night was a normal reaction."

"I don't know what caused it, but it couldn't be the vaccine."

"There's no risk in getting vaccines. We know they are safe."

With medications, the health provider and pharmacist are expected to review side effects, allergies, and contraindications. If you question if the medication may be worse than what it treats, you are not accused of being anti-medicine. Medicines are known to cause injuries (the risks are even stated in the commercials) and you are supposed to be informed of those before you start taking the medicine. If it is found that the medicine is dangerous or causing too many injuries, you can stop taking the medicine, the company can be sued for injuries, and the medicine can be forced off of the market. Pharmaceutical companies have been forced to pay billions for injuries and deaths that medicines caused. They have been found guilty for knowing medications were dangerous and not taking them out of circulation. These same pharmaceutical companies make biologics.

With biologics, otherwise called vaccines, the health provider gives the vaccine and then sometimes supplies a brief information sheet saying how "safe and effective" it is. I hear of no one being told of the side effects, allergies, and contraindications. If you have a question if the vaccine may be worse than what it treats, you are accused of being anti-vaccine. Some recipients are aware that vaccines cause injuries and that the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has awarded over \$4 billion dollars in funds due to injury (representing a tiny fraction of those that apply, as most cannot afford to fight or miss the window of submitting a claim because of not receiving informed consent). But most people are told incorrectly that any adverse reaction is "normal" and expected, even a "good sign" that it is working. We know that health providers report less than 1% of adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) so they are not admitting the adverse events or they are not informed themselves enough to identify them. It is this same passive reporting system charged with determining if the vaccines are dangerous or causing too many injuries. This broken system has led to years of injuries before a vaccine is removed from use. A vaccine, once injected, cannot be "stopped" like a medication, so it is even more vital that informed consent be provided. Pharmaceutical companies are

not held liable for any injuries or deaths resulting from their use. Neither is the health provider who did or did not offer informed consent before it was given.

I understand the common view that “vaccines are safe and effective.” In fact, I’m sure that you will hear pediatrician testimony claiming that as fact. This however is not fact.

Because governmental agencies both sell vaccines and choose which ones to add to the schedule, they are hardly unbiased in their research and recommendations. Health providers are fed this research and told not to question the “science.”

Because they are biologics, they are not required to be studied for years and against inert placebos.

Because there is no liability, no one is to blame or helps to cover medical and lifelong living costs due to injury.

Because they are accepted by most health providers as safe, adverse events are excused and injuries go unreported.

Because they are “required”, people don’t even know that they have a choice and don’t know there are exemptions.

We need to ensure we are leaving the decision to vaccinate or not to vaccinate up to the ones who will be left responsible.

We need to give informed consent so that health decisions can be made, not forced.

We need to allow people to make their own risk vs benefit analysis after being informed, not pressured.

Please pass this bill to show your support for protecting our most basic right, the right for health freedom.

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