

SB355: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations  
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**Oppose**

I am writing to strongly oppose HB530/SB355.

I believe that children and even young adults at the age of 16 are not able to navigate their health issues. The best path for health is when parents and doctors are working for the benefit of a child. In addition, both doctors and parents have better knowledge of a child's history including the exact vaccines that have been taken.

In addition, families must be allowed to raise their children within their own tradition which may include not promoting sexually transmitted vaccines like HPV.

One additional concern that I see is the pharmacy incentives that are in place in many stores for the flu vaccine already. I do believe that there will be inappropriate incentives for young people to take vaccines like free gift cards for a vaccine. What if a child goes from pharmacy to pharmacy getting the vaccine just for a free gift but not understanding the health effects?

I am opposed to this bill and I urge the entire committee to withdraw it.

Sincerely,

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