HB530: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations Megan Andrade

Oppose

I oppose HB530/SB355 because it puts our children at great risk. Pharmacists are not trained to assess children (or any patient) for vaccination or afterwards for vaccine injury. Pharmacies incentivize vaccines to pharmacy <u>customers</u> -- urging them to receive any and all vaccines without due assessment or education. This is simply an opportunity for chain pharmacies to make a profit with no regard for health outcomes. It undermines relationships patients have with their family physicians, preventing parents from working with physicians to make the most appropriate decisions for their child. If parents want their children vaccinated by their pharmacist, they have the option to call the doctor for a script.

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