

OPPOSE SB808 – Health Occupations – Licensed Dentists – Administration of Vaccines

Dear honorable members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,
Thank you for serving our community. I am writing to strongly oppose SB808, Health Occupations-Licensed Dentists - Administration of Vaccines Act. I am opposed to this bill for the same reason I am opposed to SB736 that proposes pharmacists administer vaccines. Neither dentists nor pharmacists are trained to properly assess a child for risks and/or contraindications. In reviewing the other bills this legislative session, there are bills to expand the role of paramedics, dentists and pharmacists so that each of these respective roles can administer vaccines. It appears these bills serve only to increase revenue rather than actually solve any actual public health “problem.” Vaccination rates in our state are incredibly high. Putting children at risk in order to increase profit for various sectors of the healthcare industry is unacceptable. Keep in mind that should an adverse event occur, those administering the vaccine are not liable, per the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. This is another irresponsible bill. Please vote against this bill. Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

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