

Dear Committee Members,

Please give an unfavorable report on SB808 - Health Occupations – Licensed Dentists – Administration of Vaccines.

Dentists are not trained to administer vaccinations. That is not in their purview, that is not what they studied, and they do not have the appropriate relationship with a child/parent (complete medical history) to administer an agent capable of altering the immune system. Vaccines are viral agents that if given inappropriately or at the wrong time, can have multiple health repercussions. Additionally, the CDC schedule is a “recommended” schedule, whose timeframes may need to be tweaked based upon physician assessment – dentists are not qualified to make this assessment.

I really would like my dentist focused on what they do best – making sure my oral health is up to par and fixing any issues in dental enamel. If they now focus on vaccines, the quality of their work will suffer and they could make mistakes that may result in enamel loss (which is not replaceable).

In general, I am concerned about the bills this session and the trend for other professions to administer vaccines. I am not sure what is driving this trend, however, I am concerned that it is driven by profits and greed. Vaccines are quite the profitable business, aren't they?

Also, with this bill who will monitor for vaccine reactions? The dentist who is not easily reachable? Pediatricians and physicians, by virtue of their positions, are more contactable and are also trained to recognize and report reactions to VAERS. Dentists are not trained to recognize reactions and probably have no idea what VAERS is, which creates a concerning situation should a significant reaction occur. All downstream effects of this bill need to be considered.

Again, I ask for an unfavorable report on SB808. As representatives of the people it is your responsibility to protect constituents, especially from bills that undermine important relationships that protect an individual's health.

Thank you,
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