

## **OPPOSE**

### **SB 840 COVID-19 Response Act of 2022**

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I am writing to OPPOSE SB 840. This bill is massive and too broad in scope. The varied articles, amendments, and changes all bundled together make these bills extremely confusing for constituents, even experienced legislative advocates. Above all the current science and metrics we have do not indicate the necessity for these kind of expensive and restrictive plans through 2023.

I am particularly concerned about the “temporary emergency” measures becoming permanent policy at the expense of my kids. Allowing pharmacists to vaccinate children ages 3+ indefinitely is dangerous and unnecessary. Pharmacists agree their work environment is too chaotic to do this safely. It is unconscionable and negligible that they can give vaccines to children under virtual supervision and only 6 hours of training. This set up puts children at undue risk. Pediatricians also recognize that children need comprehensive medical care. Vaccination decisions should be made by parents with their child’s pediatricians.

The budgetary and economic impact is also sure to be exorbitant. Language such as “incentivizing any future vaccines recommended by the CDC” is overly broad and raises concerns about the long-term vision of this legislation. Not to mention the ethics behind bribery and coercion.

Finally, vaccine passports are raised in these bills yet again, even with stand-alone passport legislation on the table. “Voluntary” vaccine passports are discriminatory and are not supported by science or the public.