

SB840- **UNFAVORABLE**

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Senators,

I oppose SB840. Even the basic premise- that pharmacists can give vaccines to children in the store- is rife for so many things to go wrong.

My children have a relationship with their pediatrician who specializes in their care. They have special training to see specifically what children are able to receive as far as their growth goes because it is such a specialized field.

Children are developing daily and any sort of changes need to be monitored. I have children with special conditions that the thought of a pharmacist giving them a vaccine would be awful.

They suffer from allergies and a heart condition that were not know until later in their lives.

Having vaccines administered in the pharmacist's office would have meant emergency room follow up care after vaccine issues because there would be no recourse or follow up with the pharmacist. Which then would require a pediatric visit anyway after a vaccine issue follow up.

Getting records to the pediatrician afterwards would be a nightmare for follow up care and future information with their primary pediatrician.

Also, how many vaccine dosing issues have there been even in the covid 19 vaccine administration alone at pharmacies for young people? Many. Can you imagine trying to keep administration of doses straight with multiple vaccines?

Pharmacists are busy enough trying to consult with patients on specific medicines they administer. They usually have less than a minute for consultations. Adding yet **another** very important task of vaccine administration for children does not seem like it is wise for children nor pharmacists.

I am **opposed** to SB840 and I ask you give it an **UNFAVORABLE** review.

Sincerely,

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