

Members of the Finance Committee
OPPOSE-SB372-Health Occupations - Pharmacists -
Administration of Vaccines.

Dear Senators,

I oppose SB 372 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

My objections to this bill are numerous. Once again there is the issue of minors being vaccinated without parents knowledge or consent. This is problematic and should never be done.

A pharmacy or grocery is not the appropriate place for pediatric immunizations. Pharmacists are not doctors, do not know the child's medical history and do not have a medical relationship with that child or the family.

It is only after a child's pediatrician performs a thorough assessment of a child should a child receive a vaccination.

Expanding pharmacist administration of vaccines is not in the best interest of children, and it is not optimal for safety or for successful outcomes. Children are not vaccinated like adults and have a very complicated recommended schedule, sometimes receiving multiple vaccines at once.

I'm asking the Finance Committee to OPPOSE SB 372.

Sincerely,
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