

Dear Committee Members,

As a parent, I urge you to please **OPPOSE** SB0372.

Administration of vaccines should be completed under a strict parent/ physician relationship. These substances require a full medical evaluation and pharmacists are not trained to provide this service, as they are trained to dispense drugs and not make determinations on whether a drug can be administered in a given moment. There is no need to expand their scope for the following reasons:

1. Pharmacists are making mistakes with medications. **Improper dispensing of medications results in medication error rates up to 55% (*BMJ Open Quality*, 2018).** Perhaps we should be focusing on how to avoid these errors versus expanding their scope?
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/31/health/pharmacists-medication-errors.html>
<https://www.singlecare.com/blog/news/medication-errors-statistics/>
2. Vaccines are medical products with guidelines and contraindications. The pediatric immunization schedule is complicated, and pharmacists are not trained to understand the nuances to immune system stimulation, especially in a chaotic, non-secure pharmacy environment. How would follow-up be completed? How would potential adverse reactions be documented and addressed? Pharmacists have no time to think about the downstream effects in their rushed environments.
3. More and more pharmacies are also marketing vaccines as lead magnets - providing incentives to consumers to come in and have one. They are treating vaccines as cash cows for their "business" (<https://www.pbahealth.com/how-to-make-immunizations-a-pharmacy-profit-center/?fbclid=IwAR2h1fCobBWU8jpQpnjvgx-IF689FxiGmApv9hWrEpgYjd3dOv0t5eA9gdY>). Call me conservative, but the health of myself and my children is not a business and never should be.

This bill opens the possibility of increased harm to children. Please **OPPOSE** SB0372.

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