

Senate Finance Committee,

As a pharmacist I strongly oppose SB 18!

I am opposed to expanding vaccination privileges for pharmacists to administer all vaccines to 5-year-olds and up. Pharmacists are already too busy to comply with mandatory counseling regulations, much less keep up with the constant interruption of vaccination. Most of our dispensing errors occur just before or after an interruption. With limited staffing, constant noise, telephone calls, vaccinations, deliveries, etc. we are at a breaking point. Look at all of the protests around the country demanding better working environments in pharmacies.

The Pharmacy owners want this income source, but retail sites are not outfitted with the equipment to manage an anaphylactic/immediate adverse vaccine reaction.

I also believe the pharma industry must be held civilly liable for vaccine injuries and deaths as they are for all other drugs. We need a culture of safety, and removing liability and responsibility does not foster reliable attitudes towards safety. Until pharma is liable, I will not inject anyone with these products.

Thank you,

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