

**SB 773/HB 1135:** Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Vaccination Orders: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE SB 773/HB 1135**.

I truly appreciate the language of "caregiver" being changed to "parent" or "legal guardian". That was a step in the right direction.

I also appreciate the added language "...Report all vaccinations administered **OR ORDERED** by the pharmacist, **INCLUDING THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF EACH VACCINATION ORDERED BY THE PHARMACIST**, to the ImmuNet Program...

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***These bills would, however, allow UNDEFINED, untrained "caregivers" to administer the "flu mist" to children AT HOME!!!*** That is beyond dangerous!!

These are some of my concerns about these bills:

How is ImmuneNet going to be properly updated **to prevent accidental double or triple vaccination?** Imagine a child living with one parent. Mom orders a flu vaccine and administers it to all her kids in the home. Then the children go to Dad's house, and Mom tells Dad, I already gave them the flu shot for this year. But he checks the system and the children's names are not added. He takes the children to get a flu shot as well. This could be deadly!!

I understand that the spent vaccination is considered a live-virus medical waste. It apparently **needs to be mailed out for proper disposal**, not placed in a trash bag and sent to the landfill to be handled by numerous unsuspecting people.

Individuals with compromised immune function or who are **on chemotherapy SHOULD NOT be exposed to live-virus vaccinations**, either taken themselves or exposed to others who have recently been vaccinated. Some folks may not even know they've been exposed as their neighbor places their trash bag with this medical waste out in the hallway of their apartment building to be collected on trash day.

These are still some of the issues that still exist with these bills:

1. The bill **requires no training for the person administering the vaccine.**
2. The bill does not take into consideration how their vaccination date/ lot number will be added for the actual individuals that received the vaccine. Minors with two homes could **fail** to be vaccinated or could be vaccinated **more than once**, because the vaccine was **not properly added to Immunet.**
3. The **spent waste** of the vaccine **is considered a bio-hazard** and must be sent back. Who is ensuring and documenting that this occurs?
5. The **vaccine itself is a bio-hazard, because live virus vaccines shed** and can **cause illness in those going through chemotherapy or those with compromised immune function.** People who are at high risk could be unknowingly exposed to this live virus.
6. This is nothing more than a pharmaceutical **company handout that will benefit just one corporation, AstraZeneca**, the one company that testified in favor of the bill, with their **paid lobbyist.**

This is **NOT** safe public health policy. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to **OPPOSE** these cross-filed bills.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my concerns regarding these bills.

With respect,

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