

Committee members, my name is Jocelyn Backman and I am writing IN SUPPORT of HB 1468 relating to informed consent and notice of risks associated with vaccines; and to provide a penalty.

I will be attaching the CDC Vaccine schedule for Children up to 18 years of age for reference to my testimony. I will discuss the Hep B Vaccine due to time constraints; I will only also discuss the experience I've had with my 3-year-old son.

Hepatitis B is given at Birth, 1-2 months, and 6-18 months, so 3 doses to be compliant based on the CDC schedule.

When I was in labor, it was never discussed what Vaccines my son would be given. I had an idea before I went in since I studied them but the hospital that I gave birth in didn't discuss Vaccines. After giving birth my son was taken away from me so he could be bathed as well as vitals checked. When he returned to me, I was notified he was Vaccinated for Hepatitis B and Vitamin K. I never gave the nurse or hospital consent to Vaccinate my son, so Informed consent was not given in any shape or form.

Now, what exactly is Hepatitis B and how do you contract it? Hepatitis B is a liver disease that is usually short term with symptoms ranging from fever, fatigue to loss of appetite and increases in severity depending on the health of the person. Now how is it contracted? Birth (if a mother has hepatitis B, her baby can become infected) Sharing items such as razors or toothbrushes with an infected person Contact with the blood or open sores of an infected person Sex with an infected partner Sharing needles, syringes, or other drug-injection equipment Exposure to blood from needlesticks or other sharp instruments. I do not have Hepatitis B, so the reason a newborn baby is given this Vaccine is ludicrous to put it mildly. In my opinion this Vaccine should be offered as an adult, not for a brand-new baby.

I did some research on the VAERS website for Vaccine reactions around Hep B only. In 2020 I observed 967 reactions in the US that were reported to VAERS (symptoms ranging from fever, rash, cellulitis, blister, diarrhea, cough, nausea, vomiting, increased heart rate, flushing, etc etc.) It's an extremely large list. If you have any questions on this date you can go to [VAERS.HHS.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov) and run some reports. There is a lot of data out there around Vaccine injury that we never hear about.

My point of all of this is, I was never given any of the data that I presented. My son was vaccinated without me knowing and I had no knowledge of what the vaccine was, what the disease was he was being vaccinated for, and what adverse reactions I should watch out for. He was vaccinated with his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses and was only presented with a fact sheet of what to watch out for, but never was presented with why a newborn baby was vaccinated for a sexually transmitted disease, as well as the list of adverse reactions nor the fact that I could in fact fill out an exemption if I didn't want to give the vaccines to him (personal, medical, religious). It's also important for medical professionals to discuss VAERS with their patients so parents can do research themselves.

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Thank you for your leadership and service to our state.