

My name is Derrick Howry and I am voicing my strong opposition to HB 1469. I have a number of concerns with this bill, but I want to address two specifically.

The first is that true unbiased information about the vaccines is not provided to parents and families. Vaccine inserts are discussed with families, information about possible side effects is not discussed with families. Families are told that vaccines are safe and effective and made to believe that they are the only way. The concern is that these modules would be much of the same. Real information and conversation about the pros and cons of these vaccines are not being discussed.

The second concern I have is in relation to individual liberty and health freedom. We as parents and families have the right to research and make informed decisions for ourselves and our families. Choosing not to vaccinate is not a simple flippant decision that is made. It is accompanied by hours and hours of research, talking to medical professionals, and trying to obtain all the information. Parents care deeply about their children and their health; we have the right to decide what should be put in our bodies and in our family's bodies. We do not need permission to make that decision. It is rather insulting to think that we are so mis-informed that a simple video module would be the deciding factor. We have done the research we have followed the advice of 100's of doctors around the country that do not follow the vaccine schedule in their practices. We know both sides, and we have the right to make our decisions.