

Vote no to HB 1469

Dear Legislators,

Good afternoon! Thank you for listening to my take on this important bill. Please vote NO to this bill for this simple reason, "If it ain't broke don't fix it".

Currently, the requirements for exemption Have been working smoothly and been cost effective for years. I have personally and faithfully filled out a philosophical exemption form every year for 20+ years. This additional requirement has never come up before. It is purely unnecessary and it will involve the creation of a video and a system for tracking and logging the material. This would definitely be an extra expense for us tax-payers.

Any parent who takes the time to prepare and submit their current required exemption form, in my estimation, proves by their very act, that they are already diligent and informed.

I don't think that an uninformed parent would choose to take an exemption. Only ones who have taken their time would come to that decision simply because it differs so much from that of the majority. These parents have already weighed their options and have already researched the facts on both sides of the issue regarding the safety and efficacy of vaccines.

I strongly believe that to require well informed parents to watch state funded educational videos, (obviously biased toward vaccination), would be a major turn off to the parent choosing an exemption! Moreover, this may even open a perfect door for further requirements for the state to require them to prepare and fund videos for (possibly trusting and potentially uninformed?) parents who do decide to vaccinate. Those parents would likely need to view a mandated video to meet their requirement for full disclosure of the vaccine risks as well as options for exemption, and here we create a circular predicament!

Please say no.

Sincerely,

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