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House Bill 1288 is predicated entirely on the lack of informed consent.

UNINFORMED CONSENT

Because federal law doesn't mandate informed consent for vaccines, Practitioners are not legally required to provide information about the risks that vaccines pose. Source: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/laws/index.html

Nobody in this room was ever informed about the risks of vaccinating.

The express lack of 'informed consent' gives each of us a false sense of security.

It allows state agencies to focus on the risks of NOT vaccinating. It keeps us uninformed and provides supporters legal cover to attack anything and everything opponents have to say.

Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

Like me, opponents of this bill did their own research AFTER our selves or family members were damaged by vaccines. That's when we found out about the risks.

That's when we found out about the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System includes events other than fainting.

That's when we found out about the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) that has paid out over 2.6 billion dollars for injuries and deaths.

SOURCES: http://vaers.hhs.gov/index and http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/index.html Note: the VICP Trust Fund is funded by a \$.75 per vaccine dose tax.

Lack of informed consent has successfully manipulated everyone's beliefs about vaccines.

BELIEFS VS. FACTS

Thus supporters believe PBEs are to blame for the pertussis outbreak. But the CDC says there's a "striking increase" of pertussis among the fully vaccinated. Vaccines effectiveness seems to be waning.

<u>Update on Pertussis Epidemic</u>

Pertussis Epidemiology and Vaccination in the United States—Thomas Clark, M.D., M.P.H., CDC

Dr. Clark said 41,000 cases of pertussis were reported occurred in the United States in 2012, a 21-percent increase over previous years. He noted that infants are at highest risk and suffer the most morbidity and mortality, and children ages 7–10 years old have the second highest of incidence. Of 17 deaths, most occurred among unvaccinated infants less than 3 months old. Dr. Clark described the changes in pertussis vaccine since the 1990s, noting that the 2010 epidemic showed a striking increase in incidence among fully vaccinated individuals. Analysis of the protective effect of the five-dose series indicates a modest but definite waning of protection (to about 71 percent after 5 years) that is probably sufficient to result in the burden of disease we are seeing now with high transmission rates.

SOURCE: http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/pastmeetings/2013/feb2013_certified_minutes.pdf page 8

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Colorado data shows those claiming the PBE eventually vaccinate at a rate of 58-60%.

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SOURCE: CDPHE Personal Belief Exemption Stakeholder Engagement Report, Oct 2013, page 39

Colorado Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance Report shows 66.7% of the 289 children between 7 months and 17 years of age who got whooping cough (pertussis) were appropriately vaccinated.

SOURCE: Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Colorado Surveillance Report; 2011

www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type &blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename%3D%22Vaccine+Preventable+Disease+Surveillance+Report%2C+2011.pdf%22&bl obheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251840117554&ssbinary=true

CONCLUSION

To conclude, this bill cherry picks data to manipulate beliefs in order to coerce support. It relies on uninformed consent to manufacture a false solution to a public health issue. It lays blame where blame is unwarranted.

No amount of arguing in favor of this bill will undo the damage done. No argument against this bill will ever change the supporter's beliefs.

Legislators voting this bill out of committee do so based solely on personal belief that uninformed consent will solve public health problems.

Public policy should be based on facts, and exemptions should be based on personal beliefs.

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