

Senate Public Health and Welfare  
SB 315  
Proponent Testimony  
March 21, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support for SB 315.

No one should be forced to undergo any health procedure against their will – either by unlawful mandates or by any other method. SB 315 would provide a measure of protection.

Everyone should have the right to their religious beliefs without being questioned as to their sincerity. This is especially true of religious exemptions against forced vaccinations or any other forced medical procedure. There should be no questioning of a person's sincerity and there should be no rejection of their claimed religious belief.

Mandates outside of law are dictates – as are the decrees of a dictator. When they are outside of law, they are unconstitutional. We saw this repeatedly with the COVID scare with unlawful mandates to close businesses, schools, meetings, and even churches. Many businesses went out of business because of these unlawful mandates, and our children suffered greatly from being shut out of their schools.

SB 315 provides a measure of protection against unlawful mandates and should be passed.

I would appreciate your support for SB 315.

Sincerely,  
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