

PASS HB248

I think it is extremely important that we pass HB248 to protect our freedoms and our health. Choosing to be or not to be vaccinated should be a choice made by an individual based on their own knowledge of their personal health issues and based on their research. To force others to get vaccinated is not only unethical but dangerous. Vaccines are not a safe choice for every individual as we can see from side effects some have had from vaccinations, including death. Also, history proves that vaccines are not always 100% effective in preventing disease. Now we have new vaccines (Covid-19 vaccines), for a virus that has a high survival rate, that are not approved by the FDA and that, as stated on Moderna and Pfizer websites, "MAY" prevent covid and transmission of covid, but it also may not. To force anyone to get a vaccine or show proof of vaccination is a violation of our God given human rights.

Also, employers should not choose for or against vaccines for employees and they should not enforce penalties if people are unvaccinated. Employers do not and should not know your personal medical history and therefore they can not make a wise, informed decision on your behalf of which medical treatments you need. Recently, my husband shared with me that his employer wants every employee vaccinated with the unapproved, and seemingly dangerous, covid vaccine. (Many employees did not want the vaccine but they were pressured into.) Those who chose not to be vaccinated would be singled out by continued mask mandates for unvaccinated employees only. Also, those who choose to wait on getting the covid vaccine, are penalized by an increase of \$330 a month in health insurance. My husband also told me that one of his co-workers, who is an asthmatic, was permitted to not wear a mask as he has trouble breathing in a mask for 8-10 hours a day straight but, as of yesterday, his employer told the asthmatic employee that he either gets vaccinated, wears a mask, or he's fired. In reality his choices are:

1. Take an unapproved and risky vaccine that may not even be effective according to their websites.
2. Struggle to breathe or possibly have a life threatening asthma attack AND pay \$330 extra a month in insurance.
3. Lose your job.

By the way, my husband works in a factory. We must pass HB248 and stop this madness! We must advocate for ourselves as individuals-these vaccines are not one size fits all!