

Policy Decisions Around Oregon's New Law for Claiming Nonmedical Exemptions

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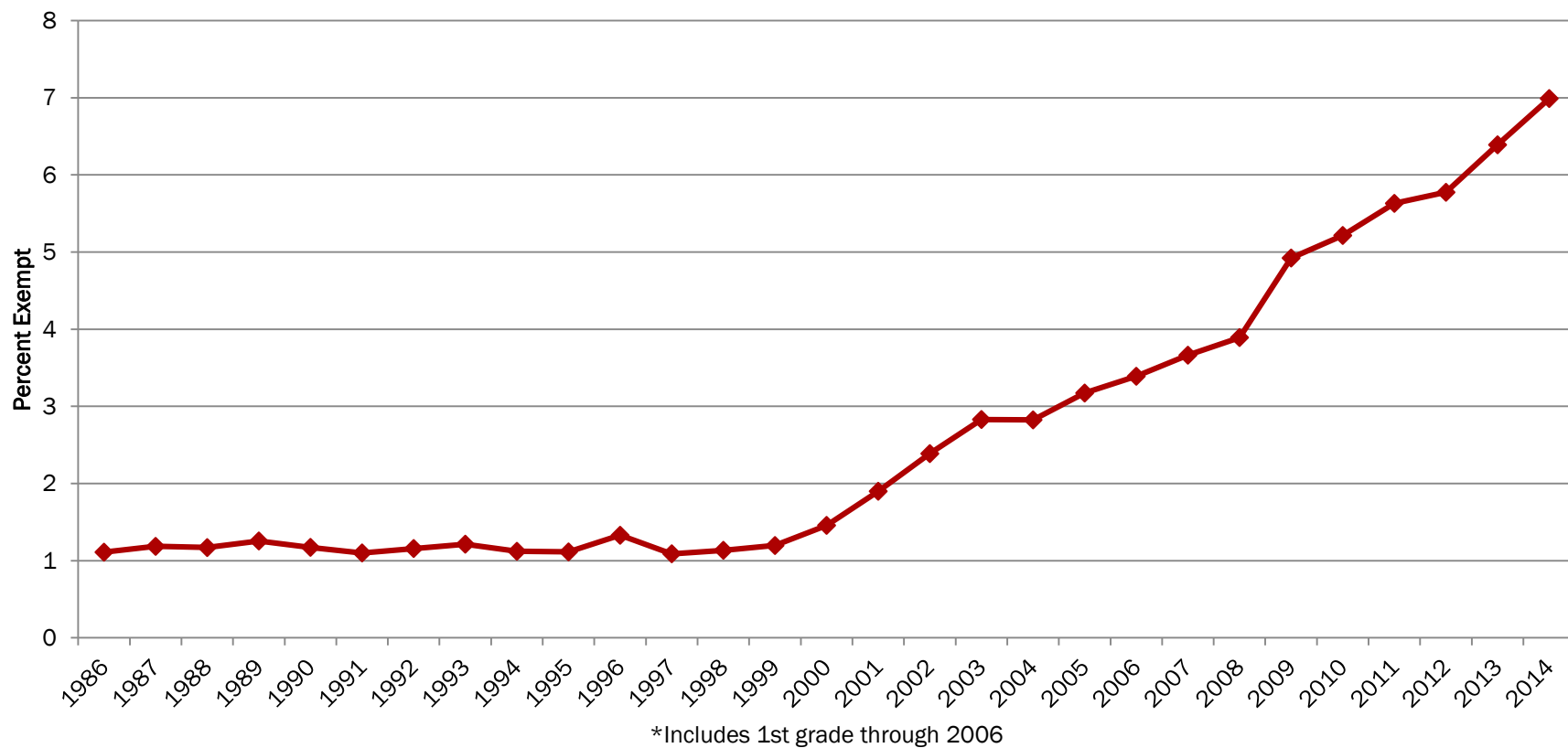
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Context: Oregon Data

Oregon Kindergarten Nonmedical Exemption Rates



Legislative Concept 2013

- ✂ Concepts for the law
- ✂ State employees restricted
- ✂ Testimony and lobby efforts – Community Partnerships including Coalition Members:
 - Oregon Medical Association
 - Oregon Nurses Association
 - Oregon Pediatric Society

Considerations

- ✂ Avoid religious exemption as part of the language of the law
- ✂ Avoid “carve-out” in the law to give a free pass to religious exemptions
- ✂ Desired outcome - exemption decision is an informed decision
- ✂ Information provided should be in compliance with CDC and ACIP documents

Overview

- ✎ SB 132 changed the process for claiming a non-medical exemption to school/childcare immunization requirements.
- ✎ Parents claiming an exemption need a Vaccine Education Certificate:
 - Signed by and from health care practitioner, or
 - Printed after watching an online interactive educational module

Administrative Rules

- ✎ Rules notice sent to over 4,000 interested parties
- ✎ Public hearing held
- ✎ Written comments accepted

Module Development

- ❧ Public survey sent out in October.
 - Over 500 responses from: schools, providers and parents
- ❧ Module content developed with input from survey, comments on administrative rules, and collaboration with four counties and state public health staff.
- ❧ Module review and feedback gathered via webinar with over 50 external partners and state staff involved in testing.

Colleges included as well

- ✎ Separate module for college students
- ✎ Measles is the only vaccine required for college students in Oregon.
- ✎ Over 20 plus colleges participated in the development through script review and providing feedback after watching the module.

Website Information

✎ www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption

- View the references for this module (pdf).
- For immunization questions or to request this material in an alternate format, please contact us at 971-673-0300 or oregon.imm@state.or.us.

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Provider Considerations

- ⌘ Staffing
- ⌘ How many vaccines does the parent want an exemption for?
- ⌘ Importance of patient/provider relationship
- ⌘ Face-to-face exchange harder for parent to say no

Provider Involvement Benefits

- ☞ Explain in terms patient or parent can understand
- ☞ Can personalize response to address concerns
- ☞ People trust their health care providers

Benefits of Online Module

- ☞ Saves time
- ☞ Parent could watch first and then ask follow up questions
- ☞ Convenient and easy
- ☞ Compliments those who like technology
- ☞ Parent can do it at their own pace

Future Directions

- ✎ Continued communications
- ✎ Version 2 scheduled for August
- ✎ Gathering input via end of module survey
- ✎ Tracking questions
- ✎ Evaluation

Questions

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