

I fully support this bill. It is too bad it doesn't stop the horrible Smarter Balanced tests that begin this month.

I first thought that the Common Core would be beneficial to students, especially in light of the number of students who make multiple moves during their school careers. However, after seeing how the Oregon Department of Education and school administrators are implementing this, I have changed my mind. Many of the standards, especially in the K-3 range, but also throughout the entire program, are just not developmentally appropriate as students are not cognitively ready for many of the tasks. Schools are sending more and more students to remedial programs using boxed plans such as RTI, and our children are losing out on many other learning opportunities that will have a negative effect over their entire lifetime.

I encourage the legislature to pass this bill and also to pass a bill to stop the Smarter Balanced assessments this year!

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