

To the Senate Committee on Education:

As an Oregonian and parent in Central Oregon, I urge you to support Senate Bills 281, 282 and 283.

The passage of these bills is an opportunity for Oregon to lead the effort to protect children and others from serious long-term health effects from exposure to electromagnetic radiation emitted by wireless technology. An ever-growing body of peer-reviewed studies published from around the world continues to underscore the urgency to publicly recognize health risks.

Many citizens are not yet aware of the extent to which harmful biological health effects are associated with wireless technology. Children are of particular concern since they are some of the most vulnerable. Such effects include DNA damage, increased cancer risk, neurological issues, behavioral problems, difficulty concentrating, and more. I urge to you consider some of the myriad published studies on the effects of electromagnetic frequency radiation and radio frequency radiation.

Passing these bills would be a vital step in raising awareness of this ubiquitous but currently under-acknowledged hazard, beginning with children in their school environments. And, it would lead to further steps to consider alternatives and to implement wireless tech more responsibly than it is presently.

In France, for example, wi-fi has been banned from preschools. It is one of roughly 20 countries setting parameters regulate use of wireless tech for the safety of children.

Among numerous scientific reports, physician testimonies, and published papers, please consider viewing this recent, well-documented testimony to the school board of Ashland, Massachusetts by Cece Doucette in 2018:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TA_rB3qC4M&feature=youtu.be

Additionally, I hope you will consider the attached documents here, primarily letters from physicians and other experts to our superintendent here at Bend-LaPine Schools. They are brief yet highly informative.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration in supporting these critically important bills.

Respectfully,

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