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Societal Impact:

- Exclusion from interscholastic activities (OSAA) reduces the interaction between communities and creates walls, rather than bridges.
- This bill is a threat to school choice and the diversity of educational options that currently exist in Oregon.
- Diversity in education promotes human flourishing, pursuit of excellence and highest potential, and is the foundation for a productive citizenry in our state.

Financial Impact:

- This bill is wasteful and unnecessary. Neither OSAA nor any private schools have requested this change.
- This creates another layer of government bureaucracy and more regulations on private schools which will take money, time, and attention away from actually educating kids or offering scholarships to BIPOC community members who otherwise could not afford to attend.
- Oregon's state budget is already strained due to the impact of COVID-19. The priority for school spending should be getting kids back in the classroom and learning!

Oregon Private Schools

50,000 Kids

10% of K-12

275 Elementary

145 High schools

1/2 Faith-based

Source: rounded data from: privateschoolreview.com/Oregon

I strongly urge you to vote no on SB 223.

Sincerely,

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