

This bill restricts the participation of private schools that are not registered with the ODE. There is no reason for this action by the Senate Committee on Education. This would limit educational choice for families of 50,000 Oregon school children choosing non-public school education. Parents have the right to choose their children's education via the 1st and the 14th amendment.

Restricting the choices; creating a new layer of unnecessary governmental bureaucracy; requiring money, time, and attention away from private schools.

More importantly, this reduces the interaction between these students, creating walls between these communities.

At this time these communities are working and interacting. The system is working. Let's not ruin Oregon's students future by adding one more burden to an already devastating year.

Please vote no on SB223.