

Testimony on Senate Bill 409

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TO: Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation
FROM: Sherri James, Superintendent of North Clackamas Christian School
RE: Statement Opposing SB 409

SB 409 is unfair to private schools and is not needed. It allows individuals not licensed by the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to be sued for damages for failure to report suspected sexual conduct.

SB 409 directly targets private school employees. It creates an unfair situation, providing a cause of action only against non-TSPS licensed individuals, who primarily work in private schools. Additionally, SB 155 (passed in 2019) already serves to cover the issues outlined within this bill.

I ask you to vote in opposition of this bill. Basically, it is not necessary and unfairly written.