

Dear Committee Members,

I kindly request that you do not support SB223. This bill would require private schools to register with the ODE in order to participate in sports. What problem does this solve? Private schools do not need government oversight and already perform better than Oregon's public schools. Parents pay for tuition and will hold the schools responsible for failing to provide a good education by pulling their kids out. The control needs to stay local to the families involved. The ODE already is responsible for Oregon public schools that are ranked very poorly at 46th out of all 50 states! We need ODE to focus on improving public schools and leave the private schools alone.

Thank you,

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