

To The Education Committee,

Hello I am writing you to ask you not to pass SB 233. My husband and I have a son that has been in the public school system. We took him out in 6th grade. For years we have dealt with IEP appointments, tutoring appointments, doctor appointments to deal with his learning curves. It wasn't until one of his teachers pulled us aside and told us it was okay to seek a different route of education for our son. So that is when we went on the search for a private school.

We not only found one, but two. The first school we took him to was out of our way. It took a total of an hour each day to get him to and from school. The first school we took him to provided him the exact education he needed and let me tell you he rose above all expectations. He finally LOVED going to school and didn't want to miss a day. We later moved him to another private school so he could experience a more of a high school experience. With this school we moved closer so our commute would not be as long as the first. Here he has found the love of sports through basketball and baseball! He is excelling in Math and many more subjects. Putting our son in private school was the best thing we have ever done for him. To see him excel and feel comfortable in his surroundings is priceless. Now with that said is it easy for us to put him into private school? No it is not. We have had to make quite a few "sacrifices" to make this work for our family. To see our son excel where he could not in public schools is worth the price we have to pay. We wanted our son to be in a smaller classroom setting and to be in a faith based school. There is nothing more we could ever want for him but a good education and if that means taking him to a private school then that is what we have chosen to do.

SB 223 must not pass. This bill will force private schools to conform to public school standards. Which we left those standards behind.

If we don't do what this Bill says then we will face steep social and financial consequences. It violates our rights in sending our son to private school. Heck it violates the rights of public school districts and the organizations that provide interscholastic activities to THOUSANDS of Oregon Students.

Haven't our kids been through enough already this pass year? Why step in and rock their world even more?

Please don't pass this Bill. Don't take away what is already working and has been working. We all have choices to make. Why take away from our kids and their educations and sports. We all have worked hard to make these choices to send our kids to Private Schools. My family and I ask you to please reconsider this Bill and do not pass it.

Thank you for your time,

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