

I'm writing to you today as a parent of a public school student and a private school student and a 3rd generation Oregonian. Why in a time when Oregon public schools are failing our students, would you spend your time limiting private school access for Oregon families? That's the message this bill is sending, that Oregon politicians would rather limit private schools than work to improve public education. For years we tried to work with our local public school to help our elementary student who has a learning disability and was struggling academically with no success. We were fortunate for the opportunity to enroll our child in a local private school which offered him the academic support he desperately needed. He is now thriving like his brother is in his public school and we are grateful. The only thing this bill will do is harm Oregon students and remove choice for families like ours. Please use your time to strengthen public education in Oregon and supporting student choice rather than forcing unnecessary restrictions on private schools. Thank you.