

To whom it may concern,

I strongly disagree with Senate Bill 223. In my perspective this seeks to limit the FREEDOM of choice in my child education. My children attend Faith Bible Christian School in Hillsboro, it is my choice that they do so because I want my children to have access to a high quality education that incorporates their relationship with God into their everyday life.

I attended a public school growing up and while I think you can get a quality education, public school does not support the spiritual piece of our identity as human beings.

SB 223 will give the Oregon Department of Education the ability to implement whatever restrictions and curriculum it deems "necessary" into private schools. It will strip private schools of their value in our free market and people will choose a free public school over paying for a private school that is not allowed by ODE to be much different than public schools. It can essentially drive most private schools into closing and create a monopoly of education regulated by ODE.

If ODE desires simply desires that bullying, drug or abuse curriculum be taught further in private schools (I am assuming ODE thinks it is not taught) this will done much more effectively through working in cooperation with schools, not through the means of threats and forceful assimilation.

Please vote against this bill and keep our rights and free market alive in the education field.