

I strongly oppose SB 223. This bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and parental choice. It also undermines private education in Oregon by making it subject to oversight by the state. It shouldn't matter what type of school our children attend. I send my children to private school, and I also pay Oregon taxes that pay for Oregon's public school education system. My children should have the same ability to participate in extracurricular activities as their public school peers.

It's unfair to punish our children by excluding them from enriching extracurricular activities that are currently offered to both public and private school students. While parents are still paying Oregon taxes to support public schools.

Parents and private school educators will fight this bill as our children's educational needs are best served by our private Christian school.

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