

SB223 is an attempt to erase any distinctions between public and private schools in curriculum, teachers, and instruction. This is nothing less than an all-out attack on private schools in Oregon.

While officials that are for the bill state that registration is optional, The bill states stiff consequences will be given schools that opt out of registration or lose their registration. The bill would not allow any public school district to be a member of any "voluntary organization" if that organization allows non-registered private schools to be members. This places "voluntary organizations" in an impossible position: Either exclude Oregon non-registered private schools or exclude Oregon public schools. Essentially, one again, forcing the schools to register.

SB 223 would make many private schools and their students outcasts in the world of interscholastic sports and every other activity, denying those students opportunities to participate with the rest of the community and damaging their college prospects.

We must be rejected this bill! It is a mean-spirited attempt to force private schools to conform to public school standards or face steep social and financial consequences. It violates the rights of private schools and their students, as well as the rights of public school districts and the organizations that provide interscholastic activities to thousands of Oregon students. 223 must be rejected. It is a mean-spirited attempt to force private schools to conform to public school standards or face steep social and financial consequences. It violates the rights of private schools and their students, as well as the rights of public school districts and the organizations that provide interscholastic activities to thousands of Oregon students. Please do not pass SB223!