

Senators,

Thanks for taking the time to consider my message. My hope and prayer is that you read it prior to the March 17th hearing. Simply put, there is NO good reason given in the full bill text for this bill to even be considered!
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB223/Introduced>

Private schools have always functioned just fine in the State of Oregon...out performing in large part their public school counterparts. And Private School is a choice that families make....all the while still paying their tax dollars toward public schools they do not even attend.

Why, now, the Senate is considering cutting Private Schools off of sports thru OSAA is beyond me...and the reasoning given is even weirder to be frank. Compliance with the ODE??

While I understand the the bill refers to itself as one that "Provides a process by which private school may become registered with Department of Education." Which sounds very welcoming...it comes with a "sports" string attached that really makes this a "follow our process or don't play in our sports leagues that you always have played in thru OSAA"

I go back to my other point, the ODE is struggling to graduate kids at a level comparable with other states, yet the private schools are thriving educationally in the state of Oregon. So to try and use sports now to "force" private schools to "lesser" educate kids to the ODE standards is simply absurd. And sadly, that is what this bills net result will be for any private school that is forced to follow the ODE educational process.

Sorry for the frustrating tone of my message. But this really makes zero sense other than to try and remove more "choice" from the educating of our kids. And use Sports is truly despicable on the parts of those that authored this bill

Please vote NO!!