

The fact that the bill states we "may" become registered with the Oregon Department of education is misleading. Anyone who works in high school understand that athletics is a vibrant and necessary function of a school and of a students' mental and physical well being. Should a school decide to not be registered with the ODE, according to this bill, a school would have to cease all affiliation with the OSAA, the main athletics organization through which schools are registered and through which competitions are scheduled and monitored. Therefore, if a school chooses not to participate, they are being asked to cancel their athletics programs, which is absurd.

A serious consideration for anyone who is for this bill is that every private school who has an athletics program would simply form another organization of their own through which they would participate in athletics. They would cease their relationship with OSAA, potentially crippling them financially. I would really think this one through prior to moving forward with such a damaging decision.

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