

Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

I strongly oppose SB 223. This bill would restrict the autonomy of private schools and eliminate the important role they play in educating some of our state's children. The public school model does not meet the needs of all children. Private schools fill in the gap, allowing public schools to focus on their strengths and meeting needs of other children. Requiring private schools to "register" will be an administrative burden, taking away precious resources (time & money) that are currently being used to serve students. This bill hurts students. For these reasons and more, I urge a "No" vote on SB 223.

Sincerely,

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