

If private schools are not being forced to register, why would this bill be of concern? Unfortunately, SB 223 places voluntary organizations that provide interscholastic activities in a terrible position. This includes organizations like the National Honor Society and the Oregon School Activities Association which offers sports, music, and speech and debate. Organizations would have to choose to either offer membership participation to unregistered private schools OR registered private and public schools. It is one or the other. Of course, the programs would not want to lose their ties with public schools, so unregistered private schools and their students would suffer the unfair consequences.

This bill especially targets students receiving a religious education at private schools, for students would be deprived of having the same privileges as public school students to compete and participate in the same interscholastic activities, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to college applications and scholarships. Consequently, an entire class of individuals (students of non-registered private schools) would be punished. THIS IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE OREGON CONSTITUTIONS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES CLAUSE!!