

I strongly oppose SB223. It is a threat to religious freedom and parental choice. It undermines private education in Oregon by making it subject to oversight by the state. I do not support such a bill

The Supreme Court has upheld parents' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights as they relate to education.

- The First Amendment grants parents the right to choose education for their children that doesn't interfere with their religious beliefs.
- The Fourteenth Amendment protects parents' rights to direct the education of their children and ensures that differences between public and private school cannot be eradicated. This bill is a threat to school choice and the diversity of educational options that currently exist in Oregon.
- Diversity in education promotes human flourishing, pursuit of excellence and highest potential, and is the foundation for a productive citizenry in our state.

The resources of the public educational system can be better used to improve the education provided in the public schools and leave the private schools alone.

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