

Senate Committee on Education,

I am an Oregon Citizen who works in the public education system and supports both public and private education. I am requesting that you oppose SB 223. This bill would encroach on the freedom of my family to choose a faith based education for my children that also includes access to athletics at a level equal to public education. I do not desire to have the government directing my schools choice of curriculum nor determining what behavior and discipline policies should be in effect. These are reasons I chose to NOT send my student to a state sponsored school.

I understand there are some things in this bill that could be abused and this was a path to creating safe spaces within private education. However, it goes TOO FAR and infringes on the ability of the private school to determine what they will teach, with who, and how, and removes their access to OSAA athletics if they don't comply with the states regulations that directly conflict with the purpose of private non state regulated education in the first place.

Please, oppose this bill. Thank you,
Michelle Davis