

My two children are enrolled in a small reasonably priced private school. This school looks much like other schools in Oregon. There are many black students, Latinx, Asian, and Caucasian students in both my children's classrooms. Three years ago their mother left and the loving caring staff was there to support the students. The consistency of seeing the same loving faces of the staff and friends has been critical to their persistence through this Adverse Childhood Development (ACE). I am sure your intentions are to ensure all children's situations are getting adequate care but with that care also comes a cost of complexity (SB 223 is extremely complex), dollars, and experiences. It is not fair for the state of Oregon to take away extra-curricular abilities to compete against their peers from other schools because they are enrolled in a private school. I am a single dad who tries to spend as much time with my children as possible rather than working. I don't know that I could absorb the additional costs and that the complexities that SB 223 would generate. I do know what is best for my children and right now that is my children's private school, Pilgrim. I oppose SB 223 on behalf of my daughter and son.

Aaron Humphrey – Dad