

Dear Honorable Committee members,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB223.

Tell us, who pays if SB223 is passed? Most likely Oregonians will with increased taxes, perhaps in the form of income and property taxes. How much do we pay right now for public education? How much more will we have to pay? More importantly, it is our future generation, the children today who will pay the most, but not in money, rather in knowledge and their freedom.

Parents choose to send their children to private school. Private education is expensive, yet we the parents make sacrifices to send our children to private school. Why is that? We want smaller class sizes. We want our children to be known by name, not a number. We want the choice in what our children learn in school. We are quite frankly sick and tired of the "hidden agenda" being pushed through the public school system forcing one sided views upon our children, especially at such a young age.

We do not need another committee trying to push agendas upon the private school system. We do not need excessive rules and regulations to teach our future generation. Why waste the time and resources trying to bring private schools down to public school standards? It should be more important to focus these efforts on the public school system and make it better. Being representatives, you should want to make sure each student receives the best education they need so that our future generation will be successful.

Please vote NO on SB223

Respectfully,

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