

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 223

This bill requires private school registration with the Oregon Department of Education by preventing their participation in interscholastic sports or activities with public schools unless registered. Attacking private schools is an attack against school choice. This bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and my parental choice.

Our private schools already prioritize student safety. This bill is unnecessary and it goes too far.

I choose to support private education because it performs better than the current public education system. That is both on a cost per student and on the students' outcome. I would hope the Oregon Senate Committee on Education would be focused on both these measurements with regard to PUBLIC education.

Please do not use our children as tools to leverage a political agenda. Please stand with parents and do what's right for our children and vote 'NO' on SB 223. This bill will harm children and should not be supported by anyone who cares for the well being of Oregon kids.

Thank you,

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