

April 5, 2021

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Thompson and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I urge your support for SB 602, the removal of the sunset on the Student Assessment Bill of Rights.

We live in a time of out-of-control standardized testing. In the Eugene 4j School district, students from grades K-8 have to take a minimum of 144 standardized assessments. While SB 602 does not apply to all of these tests, Oregon's opt-out law provides parents and students with at least some measure of relief.

Oregon's opt-out law also provides one of the few ways in which parents can express their opposition to what has happened to their children's education due to excessive testing. The harms include the constant sorting, labeling and tracking of students based on arbitrary scores not designed by teachers and the marginalizing of non-tested subjects.

In the end, SB 602 provides the only way that parents, guardians and adult students have to say "No" to the powerful forces of the testing industry and the testing lobby.

Please support SB 602 and allow the Student Assessment Bill of Rights to continue to be accessible into the future.

Respectfully,

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