

I OPPOSE passage of SB594. I believe it is poorly written and misunderstood, even by its proponents. It does not do what they think it does. The supporting testimony submitted so far assumes the bill bans all monitoring of computer usage. It does not. It specifically prohibits software that monitors computer usage "based on the physical characteristics or movements of the computer user." It does not prohibit monitoring based on other factors. It does not make a case for why monitoring based on "physical characteristics or movements" should be banned. It does not say what it means by "physical characteristics or movements." It does not state what problem it's trying to solve.

I believe some level of computer usage monitoring is justified to ensure school-provided resources are being used properly and for the safety of the students. Perhaps some restrictions should be placed on that monitoring. This vague bill is not the way to do it.