

HB 2697
Education committee

I oppose HB 2697 which requires schools to prohibit use or display symbols of hate.

I do not trust the unelected political bureaucrats attempting to define what "hate" is (who will be defining "hate" ODE or the individual schools?). The state of OR has proven to be so liberally partisan that anybody w/ a different thought in their head is tagged as being an "ism". Schools need to be a place for freedom of thought, discussion, debate, & differences in a safe place. A place where supposedly a teacher can handle tough discussions so children can learn from their mistakes or the mistakes of the past. This bill is stifeling all of that & I forsee unfounded claims of "hate" will run rampant.

Thank you