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On Behalf Of: Concerned Parents
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1521

Dear legislators,

I write to you today as an extremely concerned parent and urge you to vote NO on SB-1521. This bill removes the voice of us parents and forces us into a position where we are expected to kneel to the Oregon state government ran by whoever the far left puts into the office of the governor (currently dictate Kate), where ideas are usually a push by one person without due diligence or best practices to back their policies.

This bad bill will limit the school boards ability to fire a superintendent who is not following the board's policies. The board sets policy according to their district and parents input. The board is the superintendent's boss to carry out what the school board approves: school budgets, approves curriculum, and policies. If a superintendent is NOT going to be supportive of the board and the district, then they are hindering what the district deems important in their schools and to the parents children and should be fired. The trouble with the bill is it sets state and federal law over local school boards, including executive orders, orders of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, declarations, directives or other state or federal authorization, policy, statement, guidance, rule or regulation. In other words, local control and parents' voices aren't to be considered. According to this bad bill, anyone could make a "statement" or "guidance" without legislative authority.

Removing an employee "without cause" is designed to be an immediate solution to an otherwise untenable situation. The bill requires at least twelve (12) months' notice (See §1(2)(a)(B)), which eliminates a school district's recourse to this reasonable act, forcing the board and superintendent to live in an intolerable relationship. This is clearly an unconstitutional and tyrannical overreach by the legislature into the affairs of an independent governing body and they need to stay in their lane, respect parents rights, and keep their crooked agenda driven hands off of our children. This bill is put forth as a knee jerk reaction by the spineless far left amongst you in response to Newberg and other school boards who fired their superintendents without cause the last 2 years.

Please keep your hands and agenda off of our children and respect the rights of the law and constitution abiding parents in your communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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