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On Behalf Of: The Oregon ISDs in my district  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB1521

SB1521 will take the independent out of Oregon's Independent School Districts. This is a furthering example of state and federal level solutions to local problems.

Oregon's ISDs, indeed, the whole ISD blueprint for United States Schools, was predicated on the concept of local election and control. Our ISD Superintendents were never intended to be an enforcement arm of state, or federal, or globalist, policy. Superintendents were to follow the instruction and direction of the local school board that hires them.

This bill will make Superintendents agents of many differing agencies across multiple levels of our federalist system. This act would delineate the lines of district, state, and federal authority and totally ignore the concept of separations of power.

Student disenrollment by concern parents has already reached almost 25 percent, old numbers, taking this action will do nothing except further expedite further exodus of those you seek to educate.

This body has already voted to remove academic standards from ISDs in Oregon - now it's supermajority seeks to remove local oversight.

I strongly oppose SB 1521. I believe it to be a tone deaf doubling down on damaging policies obtusely conceived by people who definitely DO NOT have the best interests of our educators or students and parents in mind, only conformity to their edicts & mandates.

Vote no on SB1521 or the people will vote no on you in November. Either this bill, or your political careers, are going to die on the vine in this committee. The choice is yours which.