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As you know, school boards are elected by the people in their local community to guide the education of their children. One of their most important jobs is to have an effective superintendent that works with the board and the community. How does a one-year notice of termination help the community and the students? In the real world, people get two weeks notice. The result of terminating the superintendent means everyone can look forward to having the wrong person half-heartedly doing their job for the entire year while seeking out employment elsewhere. I hate the old saw "what about the children?" but in this case it is literally true. How can a long-term lame-duck superintendent be good for the district and it's students?

Also, why in the Blue Blazes is this considered an emergency? I would oppose the bill on that ground alone. It stinks of being reactionary rather than a forward-looking piece of legislation designed to improve schools for all Oregonians.