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I am in opposition of SB1521 because the changes to these rules would take away the voices of concerned citizens who show up to vote in trusted board members. Board members already have to be very careful because they could be held personally liable for lawsuits. Board members also have to fight against the union and apparently outside Hollywood money to represent the people who have elected them. The contract signed by the Superintendent is negotiated by a well funded union and protects the Superintendent in many ways. The superintendent doesn't need more protections, but our kids do.

Nowhere else in any other situation do you get a 12 month notice to terminate. Superintendent acts as a CEO and the board works the same as a board for any corporation. If a CEO is caught in a compromising position or in a position of conflict of interest the board will immediately fire the CEO to reduce damage to the company's bottom line. In the school the bottom line is the health, safety and education of children.

The idea that our elected Senators would advocate to continue to allow the health, safety or education of hundreds of Oregon school children to suffer for a full year before action is allowed to be taken, is sickening and devastating. I would also like to bring up the hypocrisy that this will would go into effect immediately, in effect amending contracts instantly to make it take a year to fire someone. You will instantly change contracts but the people writing and agreeing to the contract have to wait a year to end the contract, it does not make sense.