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On Behalf Of:  
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To Whom It may concern.

I am a mother of 2 school aged children in the Klamath County School District.  
I do not support this bill! I am very opposed to it.

As a parent of elementary and soon to be middle school aged children I am strongly against having the government control the school board, superintendents and children in our local community. Being in a rural part of Oregon we are not a one size fits all community. What may seem to work for northern parts of Oregon will not have the same impact/outcome in our community.

I have every confidence in our local school districts superintendents and school board committee members to decide what is best for our children with the parents having a voice. Giving the power to the government in Salem is not going to help our community. This issue is causing an unnecessary divide between the relationships of the Schools and Parents of the attending children.

Also, removing an employee with a 12 month notice is absolutely a terrible Idea. Do you want your children, and Grandchildren to be taught by a disgruntled employee who is only there to finish out their 12month notice of termination? I know I do not want that to happen! By doing so this is putting the lives of all our Children at risk.

What examples are we teaching our children? Why should they and us as parents deal with the chaos and burden of law makers sitting behind a desk and picking and choosing whatever they feel is best for our rural community based off a one size fits all idea? Instead you should make the trip to our town and see first hand how our schools operate.

Our school district works directly with local health department, Law enforcement and OUR community, taking our parental input into consideration to provide our children with the best care and learning experience possible.

The constant changes and uncertainty is causing such confusion with our children and its creating unnecessary stress between our school districts and families.

Please do better for our children!

Thank you for your time,

Lahna Backer-Stiles