

Hello, I am writing to support this bill SB1552 that will limit the anti-freedom gap for Oregon parents to have options in education for their children. I believe Oregon schools are in big trouble. Trying to make or keep themselves a monopoly by building arbitrary limits/quotas to keep funding through enrollment is not the way to get Oregon back as a producer of top performing students.

The area I live in (Hillsboro) has a school board stacked with individuals that who chose not to listen to public support in the past (sex-ed board meeting that occurred in Glencoe high school auditorium pre-covid) and further, chose to (individually for the most part) take time after the meeting to chastise anyone who spoke or who's support was in opposition of the sex-ed plans even though that side of the conversation was the obvious majority in public opinion as well as represented area residents who had a vested interest - actual children in the schools. Not a great exposure we parents have had to our learning institutions being open to their feedback, wants or needs.

The idea that the state or district would refuse parents right to remove their children from a public institution if they deem it best for their child, is unacceptable. Oregon educators may want to read the book "Who Moved My Cheese" where instead of doubling down on bad policies or choosing to stay with the existing known and poorly-performing policies, they need to be ready to embrace ideas of freedom and progress even though that may be difficult.

We live in a time of disruption, something that a state like ours should know well, as a huge employer in various high tech verticals (Hillsboro as Silicon Forest).

In summation, I support SB1552.

It would be my opinion that public schools do not attempt to limit us or our children's successes because they are fearful of their control of budget dollars. That's obvious asked that's an insult. They should not be able to deny enrollment losses at any time.

If this trend continues, we will vote with our feet consider moving to a different place where freedom of choice in our children's education is respected.

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