

Members of the House Committee on Education:

Please accept this testimony against House Bill 2656 (HB2656). This testimony is submitted with all due respect and authority.

Please vote NO on and DO NOT PASS the HB2656.

NO to mandatory surveys. Legislation making anything mandatory is NOT in accordance with the Preamble of the Constitution of Oregon, “to the end that Justice be established, order maintained, and liberty perpetuated” NOR is it in accordance with the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of Oregon, NOR is it in accordance with the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America, “in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . .” NOR is it in accordance with the Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America. Please read and review the above-listed documents at your earliest possible convenience.

NO to HB2656.

The “advisory committee” defined within this bill, does NOT include Representation by and for Parents. Parents, whose children are enrolled in Oregon school district institutions, are NOT proposed as members of this committee. The “advisory committee” is proposed as "representatives of school districts, teachers’ unions and post-secondary institutions of education" convened by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is an appointee who will appoint more appointees. Tyranny at any governmental level is NOT acceptable and should be fully rejected.

NO to HB2656.

This bill is another attempt to remove parental knowledge and involvement in their children's education and should be STOPPED.

NO to HB2656.

Respectfully submitted,

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