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While some may think that HB3206 is a good start, it clearly falls far short of what is needed in Oregon's schools.

With the state pressuring parents to put their children into the government schools at earlier and earlier ages, there are countless pre-schoolers who will get no representation under this measure.

In addition, this bill, while allowing high school students to pick school board candidates, (a job we previously, and wisely, left up to the teachers's union) it still foolishly allows parents to vote.

Parents and other adults are not in school. They have no business having any say in what goes on in schools. Schools should be run by teacher's unions and students where any decisions young people make can be kept from their parents who may want to force their outdated beliefs down the throats of kids who clearly know better.

However, I urge you to expand this bill to include all students in any government school. It's an outrage and a travesty that 3 year olds are being denied a voice in how they are educated. Stop bowing to the demands of parents and taxpayers and give every child the power and voice they deserve.

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