

SB 575 OPPOSE

I oppose this bill for two reasons: I have no confidence in the Oregon Department of Education's ability to plan and implement effective solutions for the needs of Oregon students and I am alarmed that this is another excuse to declare an emergency.

Section 17 claims this 2023 Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety so an emergency is declared. How does this situation relating to educational plans for Special Needs students constitute an emergency for the public?

Emergencies are not predetermined months in advance. This bill does not preserve our peace, health or safety. Supporting law enforcement and not letting rioters, looters or criminals loose on bail would be a step towards preserving the public's peace, health and safety. This call for an emergency act in advance is creeping into several of the proposed bills recently and is a shameful power grab to mandate anything anytime. Beware crying 'wolf.'