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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3236

I OPPOSE HB 3236.

Rated at the bottom of the barrel in education, Oregon needs a complete overhaul in its educational system.

This bill does nothing to address this issue, rather, amidst all the wasteful spending outlined in the bill, it seeks to sink \$2M into the Willamette Career Academy and pretend that something is being done to help prepare young people for careers. Why do students have to go to a separate location to learn career skills? What are they learning in their "regular" schools?

While this one program might be helping some kids, the rest go neglected. This is like treating a patient who is losing all limbs with a band-aid! Oregon needs a change that is much more radical and systemic. We need a new system built from the bottom up. This bill is no more than a political pacifier. As long as we keep supporting pacifiers, no real change will occur.

I urge a NO vote in conjunction with a complete overhaul in school programs, expected outcomes, and spending.