

**SB 292**

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Lori Sattenspiel  
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Regarding: SB 292

I send this notice in support of SB 292

As a lifetime Oregon resident, a retired retail business owner, a veteran, a Harney county resident, a member of the Diamond Oregon community, and an active school board member of Diamond I would like to voice my support for SB 292

In my opinion, rural schools throughout the state of Oregon, continue to struggle in maintaining ,as well as in enlisting volunteer school board members. Requiring potential candidates for a school board position to fill out personal information becomes a very negative aspect of volunteer support. I do understand the purpose of a bill that regulates large school boards that may have a political angle, and or an incentive for financial gain, but this is far from the reality of small rural areas. Many candidates that potentially might become elected school board officials are usually very private and hard-working people that even struggle to come up with enough time to attend these meetings, thus becoming involved in disclosure issues become a real inhibiting factor.

In closing this letter, I hope we can strongly support the passage of SB292. The harsh reality of school board members resigning, and/or not being interested in becoming a board. Member would be devastating to small rural school boards, such as ours. We are on the board to support our community, our schools and our children and not be tied down with cumbersome personal and financial disclosure information.

I urge you to consider less invasive requirements for small rural school boards.

Respectfully,  
Doug Stott

Sent from my iPad