

North Lake School District #14

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Regarding: SB 292 - SEI Filing

Good Afternoon,

I serve on the North Lake School District #14 school board, and I have many concerns regarding the requirement for school board members in rural districts to file the Statement of Economic Interest.

We have a five member board, and in our rural communities, we do not have the population to fill our board seats *without* the SEI requirement, let alone *with* it. Finding board members willing to dedicate the time required to serve our school and community is a difficult task and asking them to disclose sources of income will make it even more challenging.

The past few years have been very difficult as a school board member being required to enforce rules and regulations that were better suited for large metropolitan areas but did not make sense in our rural communities. Once again, it seems that no one is considering the dynamics of a rural community.

I do not feel it is anyone's business as to what properties I own, what amount of income comes from my sources of income or to whom I owe money. This is a significant invasion of privacy.

As a board member for North Lake School District #14, I support the passage of SB 292-1 which, if passed, would exempt school board members from filing the SEI forms in districts with less than 1650 ADM.

Thank you,

Scott Duffner

**Board Chair** 

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