

Submitter: Gregory Anderson  
On Behalf Of: my family  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB1583  
RE: SB1583--

I OPPOSE this measure.

Tying the hands of local school boards--and the parents and communities who elect them--is one of the reasons families are LEAVING public schools at a record pace. Have you considered heading the other direction instead - namely, taking action to foster greater freedom, greater choice, and more local decision-making?

Existing regulation ALREADY protects against discrimination. The measure is unnecessary.

My school district 24J Salem-Keizer has made strides in the last two years to INCLUDE parents in things like curriculum selection and district priority-setting. Those actions have been ENCOURAGING and give me at least a shred of hope that we can still educate our children in ways that make sense. The proposed measure would effectively destroy that hope, and I would again be forced to decide whether to take my family, my vote, and my tax dollars out of Oregon.

The proposed measure would render local school boards powerless and virtually meaningless. We can see right through this measure and what its actual purpose is: to remove any potential barriers to enforcing the particular agendas of activists in the Oregon Dept of Education.