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What SB 1583 does not address is the failure of SB 744 which removed the Essential Learning Skills and suspended it as a prerequisite for graduation. School Boards cannot be blamed for 75% of 8th graders that could not reach the proficiency level. Children can't enjoy reading if they don't have the ability to read and comprehend. There is nothing in this bill to give children the incentive to read books or a program for reading proficiency for those left behind. Leadership on the Executive branch is responsible not local school boards.

Most of the members of the task force are non-elected members. It fails to name who picks the members of the task force except for the legislative members. It fails to address whether the task force must follow Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). (The only reference is an ORS 191.245 which prescribes how many pages a report will be and does not mention a private school representative to be included on the task force). The bill fails to identify if the task forces recommendations are binding or non-binding.which . There is not any mention of how much it will cost to fund this task force in place or what state fund the cost will be taken from? It appears to be a heavy -handed approach to usurp an elected body the voters can recall at any time.

I am not in support of this bill as written.

Thank you,
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