

March 14, 2025

Dear Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing to request that you oppose SB 1141. This bill will actually further weaken the Oregon State Public School System by reducing funds available for actual services for students as well as reducing precious instructional time-on-task.

SB 141 can be seen as a quick fix for a very complex problem. I strongly suggest that the legislature look into programs and services that have been shown to have a positive impact on student achievement and mental health such as:

1. Requiring each school to have a quality school library program
2. Requiring class sizes that are appropriate for the grade level or class offering
3. Requiring quality mental health services
4. Dropping the Common Core State Standards for early childhood education grades k-3 and adopting developmentally appropriate standards for early childhood education.

It is high time to move away from a test oriented accountability approach that has failed our children, teachers and communities since No Child Left Behind came into being. Our citizens deserve much better.

So, I urge you to oppose SB 141.

Thank You,
Paul "Pat" Eck