

I represent the Oregon Christian Home Education Association Network (OCEANetwork), the statewide homeschool network. We put on Apple Pie Day at the Capitol. We have 50 affiliated support groups and points of information across Oregon.

OCEANetwork is opposed to HB 3624 A.

It creates the expectation that homeschoolers are dependent on and accountable to the public school system.

Homeschoolers have the choice of which test version their students will take. They can choose a test proctor they and their students are comfortable with. They can choose a testing location that is familiar and comfortable for their students.

But HB 3624 A limits the homeschoolers participating in its free testing program to one test version, one test proctor and one location -- the public school chosen by the local school district.

This new oversight of some homeschoolers is a threat to the rest of the homeschoolers in Oregon. Here is the danger:

The progression could go from optional to a generally expected standard to eventually being legally required of all homeschoolers.

Please vote against HB 3624 A.

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