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HB3624

Do not pass this bill! As a homeschooling family, we are willing to accept the added costs; 1 household income, curriculum, extracurriculars, and testing. All of that adds up to do what is best for our children. This bill normalizes more state involvement in home education, positioning homeschoolers as dependent on the state and lays a foundation for future regulation and control.

Although HB 3624 makes ESD-provided testing optional for now, it opens the door for it to become mandatory in the future. We've seen this happen before—what begins as optional can become required over time.

Homeschool families must retain the right to choose the test version, proctor, and setting that is best for their children.