

Submitter:

Holly Munly

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2251

As an experienced high school teacher with 26 years of service, I implore you to ban cell phones in schools. While the brightest engineers in Silicon Valley have toiled to create apps that are addictive to young brains, I have watched the light dim from my students' eyes, and engagement not only in learning, but socialization wane as well. We as teachers will never win against the flashing pixels of light and our students are quite literally addicted to them. Students will go through similar behaviors to one who is addicted to a harmful substance when their phones are confiscated by staff. They try to bargain, become angry, sometimes cry, and will destroy school property if they cannot be with their phones. I love my job as a secondary Language Arts teacher and am proud to serve my community. I along with my esteemed colleagues want what is best for students, and that includes banning cell phones in our schools. Schools up until the early 90's had student smoking sections until we knew better. We know the science and stats behind cell phones and teen brains so please, for their health ban them ALL DAY in schools.