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This bill is unnecessary because school boards can set policies on cell phones and other electronics without this bill. Passing this bill would be another overreach by the state on our local schools. Our schools are already struggling to educate because of the never-ceasing regulations the State puts on schools.

Oregon needs to get back to the basics. The basics of Reading, Writing, and Math. By the end of 8th Grade, all students in Oregon should be equipped with the skills they need to work an entry-level job.

High School should be a time to advance students' skills and learn alternative ways to solve problems, such as measuring complex shapes, chemical reactions, and thesis papers.

Instead, Oregon is focusing on blanket policies that don't consider the local unique school districts they will affect. Portland and Powers School Districts are very different. When the community of Powers has a problem, they work together for a solution. When Portland has a problem, many people shake their heads and wait for someone else to find the solution. Powers has limited resources, while Portland adds new taxes.

It's time that the State takes a step back and has a reality check, recognizing that they are hurting our state more than improving it.