

Submitter: Fengxian Yuan
On Behalf Of: Self Advocates Taking Action
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1572

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee,

I'm Fengxian Yuàn, and I have an intellectual and developmental disability. I receive services through a brokerage in the Portland metropolitan area. I am here to share my perspective on this bill. As a former Portland Public Schools alumni myself. I have observed that some students with disabilities are not fully integrated into the regular classroom setting or are placed in self-contained classrooms with only other students with disabilities. This often results in limited learning opportunities compared to their peers. I am opposed to SB 1572. I believe all students with disabilities should have the opportunity to be integrated into mainstream classrooms and learn alongside their peers. During my high school years, I witnessed students in self-contained classrooms being assigned tasks such as cleaning lunch tables and taking out the trash, which did not engage their minds in learning different subjects. I advocate for inclusive education that promotes meaningful learning for all students.

Sincerely,
Fengxian Yuàn