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On Behalf Of: WE THE PARENTS
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1550

Dear Lawmakers,

Please vote NO on SB-1550. This bill merges the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The proposed cost would be \$1.9 million dollars above the cost of what it would take to continue to operate TSPC as a stand-alone agency. There are duplication of work by TSPC and ODE. The merging of the agencies could potentially hinder the upgrade to the application system that is underway. Misconduct investigations conducted by TSPC and ODE are not being completed in a timely manner due to insufficient staffing at both agencies, and a merger would cause both agencies to fall further behind.

DOE seems to be a political spin off that answers to no one except the current political party in control. They should answer in part to the parents. This bill does not balance or decentralize for efficiency or quality safeguards but is a model of governance that aligns with socialist values of control, equity, and allows for the deterioration of standards. Our children deserve better. Our teachers in our schools in our communities should have to answer to school boards just like the administrators. They should be held accountable by members of the school boards that WE THE PARENTS in the community place and by us parents in particular during PTA's. Oregon is a very politically progressive state and it shows up in our education systems with both the agendas in the materials and the lacking course materials coupled with terrible scores and graduation rates. Outside of Portland, Salem, and Eugene WE THE PARENTS staunchly disagree with the abusive practices, the agendas being pushed, and the sub-standard ineffective teaching. We do not want a one size fits all centralized power agency (ODE) beholden to democrat politicians and unions (the same thing) to control everything. Keep the controls within the communities where they belong. Please vote NO on SB-1550. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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