

Dear Chairman Hass, Vice-Chair Knopp, Senator Beyer, Senator Kruse, and Senator Roblan,

I am writing in opposition to HB 2747. If you are considering voting for this bill, would you please detail to me the reasons you would support it?

Please consider the impact on a small school district whose budget relies on tuition/transfer students. A small district has a small budget. A single hit to that budget can change that entire formula. Adding one extra teacher has a ripple effect through the entire budget. Two teachers can be a game changer. And to not know year to year if any potential tuition or transfer student will have extra requirements forces a district to keep an even larger reserve or go into the red--not an efficient way to utilize funds.

Why would legislators want to have such a heavy hand in the management of a small school budget? A small school knows best how to manage its student population.

Have you looked at what school districts are impacted by this?

And what is the meaning of residency status? Why is this part of the bill? Non-residents are not paying the special levies on resident property tax bills. Why would this bill give residency status to a tuition/transfer student? Would they have two residencies then (home and transfer district)? Why would they have more options than a non-transfer student?

Also, how will information about criminal activity, mental illness, violence towards others and/or inappropriate sexual behaviors toward others be communicated about a student to the receiving district in a way that allows the district to prepare adequately for that student?

If you plan to vote yes on this bill, please email me and tell me the reasons why. If you plan to vote no, thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Chrys Hutchings