

May 13, 2013

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

I am writing about HB 2747. I respectfully ask that your  
Committee oppose this bill.

My 4<sup>th</sup> grade daughter and 7<sup>th</sup> grade son attend a small  
public school district in Southwest Portland. As I understand  
it this bill will prohibit the school administration from seeking  
any information about an out of district student who wishes  
to attend the school other than their name, address and  
grade level.

This bill removes decision making authority from our locally  
elected school board and school administrators about what  
is best for the students who are transferring in or out from  
one district to another. That seems counterproductive given  
that is what we elected or hired them to do.

This bill will leave our small school district, which is wedged  
between the huge Portland Public and the larger Lake  
Oswego districts, scrambling to meet the needs of  
essentially unknown kids who join our school from outside  
the District. This bill will undoubtedly cause small school  
districts that are unable to readily absorb students with a  
wide variety of requirements to stop admitting out of District  
students altogether. This is bad for families seeking options  
other than their home District. We don't need fewer choices,  
we need more choices.

Our school needs and very actively seeks the diversity on all  
levels that our out of District students bring to our  
community, but those out of District families have had the

benefit of a two-way conversation and gone through a process that ensures our school will meet their needs and requirements and that their students will be successful and thrive at our school.

I do not know whom this bill is designed to help or what problem it is designed to fix, but it certainly makes things costlier for us and interferes with our ability to deliver what is a unique small district alternative among the larger districts of the Portland metro area.

Please vote no on HB 2747.

Thank you for your service in the Oregon Senate and especially on the Education and Workforce Development Committee,

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