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As a concerned citizen of this state, particularly as it comes to education issues I would strongly encourage that this bill not be processed as currently stated. What this state needs is more flexibility for parents in school choices, not less. There is no other way to break the strangle hold school districts have over local education quality than through charter schools. I have concluded that the quality of our schools will continue to decline with the ever increasing costs of public school employees and benefits that are out of control due to the power of unions. If you can't take on that problem then the very least you can do is provide alternatives for parents so they can get quality education where children are taught to think, rather than be drilled how the answer. In some districts it is even worse where the students teach themselves in small groups and have their grades averaged for the group.

This encourages "group think" and reduces personal achievement efforts.

And that is just the beginning of some of the bad practices in our schools today. Don't let the parents down in this important matter.

Respectfully, Gene White, McMinnville, OR