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Regarding SB 1525

I am writing in objection to SB 1525 for two primary reasons.

First, Section 1(3)(a) completely shifts the following 3 subsection from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Oregon Education Investment Board. This means that all post-secondary schools (except for the couple with governing boards) would be under the direction of the Governor's Office. It further makes changes in the make-up of the Education Board that will be totally at the Governor's discretion whether his appointment would be a voting member or not.

Secondly, Section 1(3)(a)(C) violates FERPA Title 34, which protects that student individual information shall not leave the school, except in case of safety or health emergencies. This section authorizes OEIB to construct a state longitudinal data system and "as authorized by law" is added. We have to assume that OEIB intends an individual data mining because Mr. Saxton's testimony on HB 4062, he admits the intent to collect personal information with a longitudinal data system. The Higher Education Board has made it known that they support the collection of an individual data system in violation of FERPA Title 34.

We hold our personal information to be private and have relied on FERPA Title 34 to be the overriding law that will protect our children from data mining. Even if this bill isn't passed, the law is still flawed in that it violates FERPA Title 34.

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