

Testimony Regarding HB 2801
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While it may look horrible for me as an educator to not support money for a reading program, it's time to stop the unethical practice of taking money from public schools and giving it to non-profits. If a program is worthy and able to be scaled up, it should be funded as something for all students in the state to receive.

I would like to officially declare my students as a non-profit agency in order to receive the following services:

- A funded full-day kindergarten where the funding is added to the education budget, not taken away from other programs
- Restoration and enhancement of Title I and other school-based reading specialists
- After school programs

Everyone is lining up to receive his or her piece of the pie. I'm here to say that the best program is one that is locally controlled and implemented.