

Subject: SB 895. Please submit this as my testimony. Thank you!

Dear Committee for Education,

I am a mother of two, a tax payer, a public school proponent and a voter of this great State of Oregon.

I'm writing to express my deep concern of the ramifications should SB 895 be considered to pass through the education committee. Firstly it is potentially an intimidation and bullying tactic that the schools should be left out of. They shouldn't have to be worried about medical privacy laws and facilitating "conversations" publicly about the rights of parents and their child's medical decisions. It is nobody's business other than my doctor and my family what our medical history is. It worries me that more than just one person at my child's school will have private information and pass it along to a parent who tells their child and there is bullying or worse. I worry about what this means for administrators and any extra work they will be required to do with regards to the Amendment and all the disclosures and reports. The way the bill is worded might be quite confusing as well. It would potentially hinder any bond measures schools rely on as well.

But what really worries me is that the Proposed Amendment submitted YESTERDAY at 1.05pm, are the same parts of SB 442 that Senator Steiner-Hayward already attempted to pass and failed to pass in the Health Committee. This was defeated because constituents all over Oregon value our right to decide what health procedures our children receive. It is our medical freedom that Senator Steiner-Hayward is trying yet again to take away with this bill. I don't understand this angle from an education standpoint at all.

The education module, was just added this year and it has been working. Who said it is not? And what constitutes an emergency for going against medical privacy laws and parental rights. There is none. If anyone wants to find out school exemption rights that information is already available to the public. Let's not waste any more valuable time on this shaming bill which is really a non issue.

Also, what makes it okay for a doctor to sign off on my philosophical/religious exemption? There are no concessions for this in SB 895 and I wonder what the agenda of the sponsor of this bill is. This makes no sense at all.

Please vote no on SB 895.

Kind Regards, Nicole and Jason De Graff

Sent from my iPad