

Chair Doherty, Vice Chairs Sprenger and Frederick and members of the committee:

I am writing public testimony for the record in support of Student Data Privacy bills HB 2710 and HB 2712.

I was privileged to serve on the OEIB Student Data Privacy Workgroup last summer and am pleased that our inter-organizational efforts has lead to legislation, if adopted, will protect Oregon students from having their personal information get into the "wrong hands."

As a parent and occasional OEIB meeting observer, the state's and the Oregon business community's eagerness to collect student data from pre-natal through career, especially after the Cover Oregon debacle, makes me extremely leery of how well my daughter's student data will be safeguarded by the state.

My concerns range from identity theft, to for profit entities using her test scores and grades to try and market educational products to us and to prospective employers screening her out of job opportunities based on her student records. I'm sure there are more nefarious ways my daughter could be exploited or unfairly treated than I can imagine if her student records are not adequately protect by the state.

Please vote yes on both HB 2710 and HB 2712 - Oregon needs this legislation to be in place and enforced yesterday!

Sincerely, respectfully and appreciatively,

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