

Dear Chair Doherty, Vice Chairs Sprenger and Frederick and members of the House Education Committee:

Just this morning I read an article titled, [Data Breaches in Education Sector Are Costly, Study Finds](#). Among the more worrisome observations in this article were, "Data breaches are costing companies in education up to \$300 per compromised record, **making it the second most impacted sector—behind only healthcare**—for businesses with lost or stolen records globally, according to research released Wednesday by the Ponemon Institute." Also, "The many forms that education data take—and the sensitivity of that data—are primary reasons costs are so high, said Larry Ponemon, founder and chairman of the Traverse City, Mich. research business, in a phone interview. Students' personally identifiable information, students' diagnoses, assessment results, and parents' financial information are among the confidential data that could be compromised, he said."

I keep hearing that it's not a matter of "if" our data privacy will be breached, it's a matter of "when" our data privacy will be breached. Therefore it is incumbent upon the Oregon Legislature, ODE, the Attorney General and Oregon School Districts to take responsible actions to prevent corporate access to our children's data.

Please protect Oregon children's data from being used for commercial data mining purposes. Please provide the same strong student data privacy protections that California's children received with the passage of California's SB 1177. Please OPPOSE the -4 through -7 amendments to SB187A and pass a strong student online privacy protection bill.

Remember Cover Oregon - without adequate protections, the Oregon Statewide Longitudinal Data System is a disaster waiting to happen.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for your service on behalf of all Oregon families and children.

Sincerely,

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