

**FROM THE DESK OF
SENATOR TIM KNOPP**



The Oregon Education Association Urges Your “YES” Vote on HB 2655B

HB 2655B will help put the emphasis back on classroom teaching and learning by creating the “Student Assessment Bill of Rights, creating clear student data privacy standards, and ensuring that every parent has access to information about how to exercise their right to determine if the statewide standardized assessment is in the best interest of their child.

HB 2655B is part of a broader parent and educator-led effort to develop a new approach to assessments that will put Oregon education on track to empower parents and students.

Creating a student assessment bill of rights

HB 2655B recognizes students and their parents as important stakeholders in the assessment process. It requires assessment transparency by giving students the right to know the following about statewide standardized assessments:

- The purpose of the assessments and how the results will be used
- When summative assessments will be administered
- The amount of class time required
- The learning targets that make up the assessment
- When the results will be made available
- Notice of the right to opt out of the assessment and an explanation of the process for opting out
- Who will have access to a student’s assessment data and how it will be used

Creating clear, equitable, uniform opt-out rules

HB 2655B ensures that every parent has access to information about statewide assessments and how to exercise their right to determine if the statewide standardized assessment is in the best interest of their child. Current rules require parents to defend their religious beliefs and put school district administrators in the position of being the arbiter of a family’s faith, and create a district-by-district patchwork of different interpretations and implementations of the rule. HB 2655B creates clarity, uniformity, and equity for all families across the state.

Improving student privacy

HB 2655B establishes standards on student education records and makes those standards available to parents, students, and the public.