

Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I urge you to vote in favor of SB 428 with Amendment-1.

The public has a right to know the true and full costs of the ever-increasing standardized testing that is mandated by the state of Oregon. It is very curious that a system that is increasingly based on data, metrics and standardized testing is not willing to examine the true and total costs of its own system.

While the previous testing audit bill (HB 2713) was certainly well-intentioned and was an ethical first step toward accountability, the ODE and testing proponents did not act in a serious way to provide true accounting costs.

The people of Oregon deserve a full accounting of the full costs of the testing that has come to dominate education in Oregon and that has done such damage -- while wasting so many precious resources.

It is time for brave legislators to stand up against the powerful testing industry and its lobbyists and supporters.

Sincerely,

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