

HB 4132 is Unnecessary.

Why is this on the forefront during a “short session “ of the Oregon legislature?

HB4132 specifies the want to require the Oregon Health Authority to “administer and collect data from student health surveys, surveys of adolescents (ages 10 -19) assessing physical, mental, emotional and social factors, including school climate, that impact adolescents’ health, well- being and educational achievement. ^[L]_[SEP]

And... For the OHA to consult with the Department of Education to convene a student health survey planning committee.

Not only is there a want “to engage adolescents in creating and revising surveys and interpreting survey data and to use survey data to assess implementation of laws and rules related to students’ health, safety and well-being.” That means a child of my child’s age will have lawful influence over my child? That’s not reassuring, since science has proven the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex of the brain, responsible for cognitive control and executive function is not fully developed until age 25. What? And, how do you define health, safety and well- being?

No where in this bill is a reference to parents, except a token phrase, “Provide clear processes for an adolescent or, if applicable, the adolescent’s parent or guardian, to opt out of participating in the survey.” If applicable? What does that mean, code for sidestepping Mom and Dad?

And what is the government going to do with this DATA of our children? Who will it be shared with? You are declaring this an “emergency, effective on passage.” What IS the emergency? This is a leviathan grab for authority of other people’s minor children, plain and simple. We will not stand for it.

Parents and guardians have legal responsibility for the education, care, and upbringing of their children. Vote NO for this power grab for access to control our children. Parents will not stand for it.

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