

Dear Chair Doherty and House Committee on Education,

My name is Efrosinia Martishev from Gervais Oregon. I am testifying not in full opposition of HB4132, the student survey bill, but asking that you add an amendment of an OPT-in option instead of its current guidelines that list a signed permission slip for an OPT-out. The reason behind that is that I am a grateful mother of three beautiful girls, all with different personalities. For one of them, she does not hold as much attention to detail when it comes to paperwork and passing on permission slips, and I can imagine that a permission slip like this would easily pass her by without getting it into my hands first.

So why don't I want my child to participate in this survey you ask? Well, my fear is that she would be exposed to vocabulary not used in my household. Now I will be very straight forward with this and give an example of what comes to mind: 'How often do you masturbate?' Asked to maybe a 12year old? Well I'll say that at 12years old I was still out running around the muddy farm, picking flowers, and following butterflies and had no idea what that word meant. These questions would be asked at "age appropriate" times. Now, who decides what age is appropriate for what terms? This would burden my child even more, sending them home with confusion, wondering if they should be performing what this 'masturbation' and if they are the only ones who are not?

For this reason, I ask that you approve an amendment with an OPT-in option instead, similar to a field trip or any extra-curricular activity in school.

I especially reach out to Representative Teresa Alonso Leon, as you are my district representative and I hope you will see my reasoning and follow through. Thank you for your time.

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