

To Whom It May Concern,

We are opposed to Proposal SB 223.

Parents possess an irrevocable Constitutional right according to the First and Fourteenth Amendment and have a legal right to enroll their student in an institution outside the public school system on the basis of their personal belief system and direct the education of their children.

Proposition SB 223 is invasive and unconstitutional. The Oregon Department of Education does not have the governmental authority or jurisdiction to enact such a proposal.

In addition, we believe that this proposal could lead to a decline in enrollment of Oregon Public Schools should parents resort to a private co-op and homeschool approach. As a result, Oregon's Educational System could experience a lack of funding.

The bottom line is that we oppose Proposal SB 223 and strongly urge you to not allow this to pass in legislation.

Sincerely,

Matt and Dorothy Kniser