

This bill is a needless meddling into the rights of parents/guardians, and a waste of money for the State. Parents/Guardians are given the right to educate their children as they see fit (Homeschool, public, private, etc.), and there is no need to add another layer of the State mandating what private schools need to be/do in order to participate in other activities. If private schools aren't living up to parent expectations with their education, discipline, etc., parents are smart enough to move their children to a better place, whether that is another private school, public or home. Are you going to make "homeschools" register as well if those students want to participate in extracurricular activities?

Note as parents in Oregon we are already paying money into the system for public schools, and then paying an additional amount to have our children educated elsewhere for our own reasons, whether they be educational, religious or otherwise. There is no need to waste some of that money to oversee a system we the people don't want fixed. Instead, use that money you would for this bill to better the current public school system, enhancing the education of our youth. As I'm sure you would agree, the public school system in our State could be improved. It would be better to focus your attention on bettering the current system than wasting money on this bill to put more restrictions on private schools that are currently working just fine.

In the private school world the school will fail if it doesn't live up to what's wanted by the community in the same way a business will. This is another reason there's no need for the extra oversight. Public schools continue to operate whether they are successful or not. Again, your focus should be on bettering the public school system, not meddling in another area when no one is asking you to. Private schools must compete with both the public school system and other private schools, so there is plenty of incentive for them to provide the best education/experience for both students and families that they can. You can use the money that would be wasted on this bill to help improve the public schools' position in competing against the private schools.

Thanks for your consideration,
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