

Vote no on SB 223. This bill threatens both freedom of religion and parental choice. Private Christian schools do not need to be overseen by our state government. The state has no place controlling a religious group. And it is my choice as a parent to enroll my child in any school that I see fit for their education.

The Legislature passed a law in 2019 to protect private school students and SB 223 is unnecessary in light of that legislation. SB 223 adds expenses to private schools which are also unnecessary.

Your committee should be spending its time and energy trying to fix the public schools that have been going downhill for the last decade and which have imploded in the last year. These students haven't gotten to attend school in a year. My tax dollars are paying for a service that is not being provided; so you should probably take care of that as your first priority. Dragging the private schools down to the public school level seems like a marketing tactic at best and leverage in a political fight at worst.