

I strongly oppose this bill. This is a threat to our religious freedom and all of our choices as parents. I have a child in both public and private school and there is a reason I moved my daughter to private education. We shouldn't be stuck with all schools being subject to the oversight of the ODE. Clearly they are not doing a great job right now and why you think this is a good time to introduce a bill such as this shows how out of touch the public education system really is. Why would you force innocent children to potentially lose their participation in an OSAA sport if their school doesn't choose to follow Oregon guidelines.? How is that fair and how is that even in option in today's environment. These kids have endured suboptimal education, isolation, and the saving grace through all of this for us was that her private school was fighting for these kids. We shouldn't have to choose between faith, education and sports and public school. I pay my taxes as if my kids were in public school so to not let my child potentially participate in extracurricular activities is unacceptable. Stop using these kids as leverage in these political fights and vote no on SB 223.