

Thank you for taking my testimony. I honestly cannot figure out what the state thinks is broken. Have you checked the scholastic outcomes from private schools? The rates of delinquency? The college graduation percentages? Why don't you start there and see if anything is broken. No doubt you would discover that private schools should be encouraged and celebrated if you are really concerned about the success and welfare of students (children). The cost of private schools demonstrates the sacrifice of parents and grandparents to insure the best education and moral foundation of their loved ones. This "camel's nose under the tent" SB223 is nothing more than the great and powerful State of Oregon to governmentalize private schools.

We home schooled our children back in the 80's-90's when Oregon aggressively attempted to cripple home schooling. It was nearly identical to Oregon's heavy handed effort to once again to control of an institution that clearly was producing a far superior student than the state could ever hope to achieve. They state retreated and now has apparently learned nothing.

It is obvious that the underlining states' passion in this and other attempts is to eventually control religious convictions so as to bring them in line with the states agenda and whims.

Thank you for this opportunity to make this statement.

Again, Just what is broken? Do your research and do try to be somewhat nonpartisan.

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