

SB 223 does not serve any legitimate public interest, and in fact will harm it. Oregon benefits from having private schools that focus on particular problems, needs and opportunities and develop innovations, in a way similar to the U.S. federal organization. Don't add any new requirements to private schools, let them do their work and be accountable to the families and organizations that fund them. Requiring these schools to register with the state to participate in organizations that are intended to benefit all Oregon students is another governmental overreach. During the pandemic, with public schools closing in-person education and seriously harming students, many private schools have stayed open and provided better service. And now you want to punish them?