

The proposed bill SB 223 does not meet the criteria of choice for parents for faith-based curriculum that aligns with our values and beliefs. The proposed bill seems to undermine the goal of private education and adds another layer of bureaucracy and additional costs with little benefit to the families. Oregon private schools should be independent of the Oregon Department of Education. The goal of private education includes the priorities of safety and well being of students. This bill is therefore unnecessary if Oregon is going to recognize freedom of choice.