

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB223 as it is simply not necessary and represents a huge waste of resources that could be better spent elsewhere. US News currently ranks Oregon K-12 37th in the country. Oregon public schools have a graduation rate among the worst in the US despite per student funding that is significantly higher than many states which ranked much better. Private schools are not the problem. As long as private schools continue to produce better results measured by achievement (standardized test scores, graduation rates, etc), the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) should not have any input over the curriculum or instruction time of private schools. The ODE should be focusing on improving public school education rather than creating an unnecessary regulatory burden which would only drive up costs and limit access to private schools.