

As an introduction, I represent the Oregon Christian Home Education Association Network (OCEANetwork). We have 50 affiliated support groups and points of contact statewide. We actively advocate for the interests of our homeschooling constituents and put on Apple Pie Day at the Capitol.

OCEANetwork opposes House Bill 2868.

First, the bill embodies a lack of basic knowledge about how homeschooling actually works.

Homeschooled students who take college advanced placement tests are ready for college work, self-motivated, and largely self-taught about the subject matter of the tests. These students would not be taking a "course" within the homeschool taught by the parent.

This bill apparently would require either the (mostly hands off) parents or the students (who are teaching themselves) to have "27 quarter hours of graduate level course work relevant to the course." This is alien to the philosophy and practice of homeschooling. It also does not make sense to require a student to have graduate coursework in order to just study for undergraduate credits. And homeschool parents do not need graduate credit just to encourage their students onward.

Second, and more broadly, the bill ignores what college advanced placement is all about (see <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/faqs/what-do-credit-and-advanced-placement-mean>).

Colleges do not care about how students learned the material. The only thing that matters is how well the student does on the AP test. This bill is about suppressing non-approved (in the opinion of the bill sponsor) methods of learning rather than about supporting what the colleges know is needed at their schools.

Please kill this unnecessary and harmful bill.

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