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I STAND IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 575!!

This is a costly bill (although no costs are provided, just implied) which is based on three fallacies:

- 1) Given the "right" set of circumstances or practices by public education, all students can achieve the same results. Each student has a unique set of skills, abilities, challenges and interests. Some are better at art, some at math, some at physical education, some at reading, etc. We can no more legislate educational outcomes as we can legislate height, ethnicity, or skin color. Aren't we supposed to embrace diversity rather than attempt to legislate "sameness"? A special needs person can shine in their own light - not in the light someone tries to impose.
- 2) All students can achieve desired outcomes through a one-size-fits-all approach. Anyone who has spent any time at all in the classroom knows that is not true.
- 3) It is not an emergency.