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Measure: SB1583

I strongly oppose SB 1583 for a number of reasons. First this bill would remove authority from our local school boards to determine what's best for the students in our communities. Local school boards are closest to parents and grandparents in every community, and if this bill is passed, it would remove the ability of parents to have a say in what their children are taught or are not being taught.

Make no mistake, this bill is an attempt to indoctrinate students with any ideology the state decides to inculcate and to remove any role of our school boards and parents in determining what is best for our own children. When Oregon schools are already ranking in the lowest levels in math, writing, and reading, they should be focused on true education, not indoctrination.

Because this bill if passed would be a "state emergency", citizens would not even have a right to pursue an initiative against it.

SB 1583 is an egregious bill, and I strongly ask that you do not push it forward in the legislative process.

Thank you!