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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1583

I oppose SB 1583. This bill takes away the ability within each school district to direct and enhance the education of its students based on need. Our district is in the process of, after school board approval implementing a classical education curriculum. This is being done because education standards have fallen so low that children are leaving school without having achieved the level of education required to live successful, independent lives. State agenda regarding education has evolved to the extent where we are teaching political agenda more than critical life skills. According to statistics Oregon is #49 in standings regarding education competencies with scores falling well below 50%. This is unacceptable. It's time Oregon, instead of sinking to the bottom of the barrel by prioritizing political agenda, purposes to put the education of its children first and strives to be #1!