

SB 2260

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Testimony in Opposition

Good morning,

Chairman

Representative Weiss,
members of the House
Human Services, for the
record, my name is

Taryn Sweet and I am
here today in my role as
Secondary Principal for
Beach High School to

explain why I would appreciate a do not pass on SB 2260.

Beach Schools already have processes by which parents can at any time request material, meet with teachers and have access to teaching material. No one is hiding the curriculum.

They can also ask their students, be active in helping with homework and talk about their education at home. We do try to get parent involvement. We do seek partnerships with parents. Another problematic aspect of this piece of legislation is not a good

understanding of how instruction works. Normal classroom instruction is not as structured and strict as this would require us to be. The flow of instruction changes sometimes based on questions, and interests. It is not necessarily realistic for a teacher to

say wait I can't answer that question or find primary sources for you until this has been on the website for x amount of time. It does not foster good dialogue and spontaneous learning. When we are dealing with a teacher shortage putting more of a burden on our teachers to do

extra duties is not a good idea. This bill doesn't take into account the well being of our instructors and the financial ramifications for districts. Do we have to extend contracts to add more burden to their already heavy workload? It will further lead to burnout of our valued

educators. Again, we are looking at a teacher shortage. We need educators to stay and come into this field. It is an unnecessary added workload for something that is already allowed. It creates problems where there really isn't one. A dangerous aspect of this bill is that it

also hampers our ability to work with social services on issues of child welfare. When they come to meet with kids I am not allowed to contact parents. When they are investigating issues the kids need the freedom to speak. For all of these reasons I would

appreciate a do not
pass.