

Honorable Legislators: Please VOTE NO / DO NOT PASS SB2400. This school voucher/educational savings account/scholarship to attend nonpublic schools bill is a bad idea. It pits urban areas against rural, and it takes money away from already-strapped public schools. Public schools are designed to serve everyone—they are part of being a democracy and of all of us supposedly having an equal right to education, and to be able to get a decent one. Public schools are open to all, regardless of background, financial status, ability, or other factors. Nonpublic schools may or may not be better schools; they do not exist under the same requirements and conditions as public schools; they may in fact function as places reinforcing discrimination; or they may be sources of a high-quality education including religious education or other additions not found in public schools. They are nonpublic and nonregulated, they don't need taxpayer money to operate. Let the people who send their children to nonpublic schools pay for the nonpublic schools. And pay their taxes, including support for public education. DO NOT PASS SB 2400. Sincerely, Susan Dingle, taxpayer, homeowner, public-school- educated [through college postgraduate education], voter in every election, legislature watcher