

I urge a do not pass recommendation on HB 1145. This bill represents an encroachment on the separation of church and state by requiring posting of Christian religious doctrine only. While religious doctrine can serve as a teaching tool, this bill is architected in such a way that there is a clear bias toward Christianity. It is apparent that the aim is not to educate students in an objective way, but to establish Christian principles as a foundational element of public classrooms.

Aside from the bias toward Christianity, the bill places the financial responsibility on the school systems, further encroaching on separation of church and state by using public funds to display only Christian religious doctrine.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

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