

Senate Education Committee
March 17th, 2025 HB 1540
Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Beard and the members of the Senate Education Committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1540.

I'm not sure I'm able to add anything meaningful that isn't covered by dozens of individuals with more knowledge, stake, and importance than me. So, I will just offer that I am another person who believes strongly in public education as the bedrock of our society.

Public schools are not just about education, they're about community. They tie and connect us together in meaningful ways, they provide jobs, and give all kids the best possible opportunity to succeed. For better or worse, we all remember our high school mascot. We remember the area and time when we grew up. And the institutes of learning we attend teach us so much about ourselves and the world beyond just books and tests.

And everything we do to splinter public education, does damage to the foundation of our communities, further divides us as people, and puts the future of our kids in jeopardy.

Please vote "Do Not Pass."

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.
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