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Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:06 AM
To: HED Exhibits; Rep Williamson
Subject: Please Vote NO on HB 4013

To Chair Doherty, Vice-Chairs Rep. Hernandez and Rep. Wilson, and Education Committee Members,

I respectfully request that you vote no on HB 4013. I have several concerns regarding this proposed bill:

1. As non-voting members, why would the Education Committee wish to restrict the Secretary of State and State Treasurer from designating whomever they wish to sit at the State Board of Education. The Governor is granted the appointment of seven voting members as she sees fit. This bill is troubling because it appears that the Legislative Branch is interfering with the business of duly elected officials from the Executive Branch. This cannot be. And as evident in the data, Oregon Education needs all the help it can get from individuals duly qualified to serve as non-voting members.
2. If, as I understand it, this bill is being offered to conform with other similar procedures, certainly as an individual closely involved in the workings of government, you are fully aware that there is no consistency and uniformity throughout. So why now is this bill being offered when there are more pressing issues facing the State Board of Education, the least of which is the reasons and fixes for the abysmal graduation rate in Oregon?
3. I find it unusual that this bill has no sponsor except for the entire committee. Is that true? Are each of you prepared to explain in detail your reasoning behind bringing such a bill?
4. Finally, if true, the impetus of this bill is partly if not wholly being offered because the Board of Education does not want the Secretary of State's designee to sit at the table. I worked at Portland Public Schools for four years and had extensive interactions with her. And while the State Board of Education may not agree with the presentation, her message has been on point more often than not. An example of this is it is because of her that Portland Public Schools now posts all of its contracts on its website.

As a past Representative of HD 12 in Montana who sat on the Education Committee, and as a Portland area citizen and taxpayer, I urge you to vote NO on this bill until there can be more public input and discussion as well as a further explanation of why this bill and why now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Windham

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