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From: Anthony Droege <anthonydroege@gmail.com>
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To: HED Exhibits
Subject: House Bill 4013

Dear Education Committee Members Doherty, Hernandez, Wilson, Evans, Mclain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, and Whisnant

Coming from a family where each and every member (sibling, parents, spouse, in-laws, and myself) is, or has been a teacher, I'm well aware how important it is that public educators are represented zealously by their unions and representatives. However in writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4013 I'm pained to say that I'm deeply troubled that this bill has found it's way before you. I'll plainly state that it is incredibly apparent that the purpose of HB 4013 is to remove parent activist Kim Sordyl from her role as the Secretary Of State's designee to the State Board of Education.

As a Oregon taxpayer and a parent of two children in public schools, I value our education system being governed with checks and balances. I view the existence of HB 4013 as tantamount to an institutional admission that the worst of Ms. Sordyl's criticisms are well founded. Advocacy for sunlight and transparency within our education system is badly needed even if it is abrasive. Whichever feathers Ms. Sordy has ruffled to warrant such distinction as to be targeted by this ridiculous and undemocratic bill will pale in comparison to the storm of wrath from taxpayers, parents, and voters if you move forward with this bill.

As the electoral reality of Governor Brown's recent \$300 million education proposal clearly demonstrates, the citizens and parents of Oregon have had it with problems in our educational institutions being ignored, papered over, or covered up. As recent national revelations about inflated graduation rates in Washington D.C.'s schools show people are not willing to allow educational institutions to sweep problems under the rug at their children's expense. As members of House Education Committee each of you has an obligation to the public to ensure that your oversight of and the management of our schools is carried out with openness, transparency and centering our children's interests.

I respectfully urge you to Vote NO on HB 4013!

Please carefully consider your vote. I assure that your constituents will be provided every opportunity to consider each of your votes on it as well.

Sincerely,

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Resident, of Oregon House District 33