

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing you as the father of a 9-year-old boy who is in the 4th grade at Charlemagne Elementary School in Eugene. Wifi routers are placed in most of the classrooms right above the students' heads and they are left on all day long. Please see the attached photo of a 4-antenna router in my son's classroom that is only about 7 feet from children's desks. The Eugene School District 4J loves all technology and doesn't think twice about whether this sort of intense exposure to wifi radiation is really necessary or potentially harmful.

SB 283 would make all school districts in Oregon at least aware of potential health issues of such exposure to young minds and bodies. As written, it would have very little cost and potentially great benefits in terms of public awareness and possibly mitigation of these impacts.

Simple mitigation measures would include turning off routers when not in use, which is most of the time. The kids only use computers a couple of times a week. Routers could also be located further away from children. Wired systems work very well and fiber optic lines would provide state-of-the-art speed without radiation.

Please advance SB 283.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachment: Photo of wifi router in my son's classroom.



Wifi router in elementary school classroom -->