



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 1, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for SB 1583

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on SB 1583.

SB 1583 requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to ensure that standardized summative assessments are administered to the minimum extent allowed by federal law. Requires ODE to apply annually to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver of state assessment requirements.

First, ODE is already required to apply with the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver on an annual basis. This just tells them to do their job.

Second, the U.S. Department of Education allows states, to allow students and families, to opt out of assessments but requires a 95 percent participation rate. This bill would allow ODE to opt out with the Federal Department of Education at the minimum level allowed. It would allow them to do the minimum necessary to assess the academic progress of students. Why are we once again doing the minimum for our students?

Therefore, I was a no vote.

Regards,

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