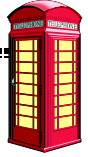


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To whom it may concern:

I absolutely oppose SB 874 sections 17 and 18.

Requesting that parent educators physically appear to register their child/children with the Department of Education is absolute discrimination. Do parents and families have to appear in person to register when their child is attending the Public School system? No. Or, when their child is attending a private school? No. This is indeed discrimination to require parent educators to appear in person.

For the record I, as a grandmother, have observed bullying for years which was reported and nothing done about it. This resulted in sadness, depression and withdrawal. No support system was provided.

Since being educated away from the Public School System my grandchildren have blossomed, flourished, and have learned, and continue to learn beyond their year(s). They are kind, happy, intelligent members of society.

Regarding Section 18, pages 21-22; As with my own family, many parent educators do use the online education programs, and these are created, and in many cases, monitored by certified teachers. These children are being taught at and beyond the standard grade levels

Sincerely

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