

Greetings,

I am writing the committee to urge opposition to S.B 874, specifically sections 17 & 18.

As a parent of two graduated homeschool students, I have had the ability to be involved in both of my children's education. I was able to do this successfully without any state involvement. Both of my children are Dean's List and Honors students in college and have had great success since graduating from homeschooling.

DCF oversight of homeschooling would not only greatly distort the purpose of homeschooling but would involve the state where it does not belong. This idea of having a failing state agency involved in home education is flawed. The fact that DCF cannot even handle the dire cases they already have should be the number one priority of this governing body, not overstepping parental rights and the rights to educate in a way that a parent sees fit for their child.

I urge this committee to oppose this bill to protect the integrity of homeschooling and uphold the right to educational options of both children and parents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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