

Testimony SB874

I oppose SB874 Sec 17 and 18 related to homeschooling.

Are you aware of the homeschool parts of the bill?

Sec 17 calls for mandatory registration for homeschoolers, with no explanation for this proposal. It will cause a lot of work for the public schools and it makes no sense for homeschoolers to register with a public school that they may have just removed children from because the schools failed the children. To be under the control of the same school system that were rejected as failing the children, makes no sense. It is a parent's right to educate children, parents should not need to register to choose that which is already a right. Again, there has been no reason given for this legislation. We will not compromise on our freedoms.

Exactly WHAT an annual "in-person registration" may involve, or how it may be used or misused may be quite a concern. The districts could easily bully the families. They could intimidate the families. They could make it very uncomfortable. They could require many things that most would consider over and above what they should require at this "annual registration".

Sec 18. Why would anyone need to *register* to look up the curriculum framework for K-12 on the DOE website? It already exists, it is already public information. Why is this being noted? Why, too, would anyone want to be LIMITED to a "model" framework when they have thousands of options to choose from?

Please review these sections of SB874. I will be at the hearing on March 1st to oppose SB874.

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