

Senate Bill 128

Proponent written testimony

Chairman Tyson and the Assessment and Taxation Committee:

We are writing in regards to the upcoming SB 128 bill being presented by Alicia Straub on February 9th.

We are a family with 3 young daughters, ages 12, 7 and 4. We were previously fully engaged in the public school prior to the Covid 19 pandemic. Following the pandemic, we chose to homeschool our oldest (age 10 at the time) due to being unsure of how the school was going to operate after it resumed.

The following year, we made the decision to enroll her in a small private school as it was not feasible for us to continue homeschooling while also working our jobs. Our decision to not send her back to public school was due to concerns regarding what was being taught (regarding our beliefs, etc) as well as the concerning shift toward liberal values. We have been very happy with our switch; however, the cost of tuition is prohibitive and we are currently only able to afford to send our oldest to the private school. Our ultimate goal is to send all three of our girls to the same school but it is financially out of reach at this time.

The passing of a bill like SB 128 could be life changing for our family. It only seems fair & reasonable that the money should follow the child and as parents, we should be allowed to make that choice. We are writing to ask that you please consider this bill and respond affirmatively. It is time for parents to have a choice to send their children to the school of their choice without the concern of cost.

Thank you for your time and for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,
Kyle & Cecily French