

March 8th, 2021

Dear Laura Taken,

I am writing in regards to the proposed HF874 bill. As a homeschooling family, I believe when a bill concerning our children's education is propose EVERYBODY should learn about it. After reading through it, I'm very glad I did.

The verbiage “All children have a fundamental right to a quality public education that fully prepares them with the skills necessary for participation in the economy, our democracy, and society, as measured against uniform achievement standards set forth by the state. It is a paramount duty of the state to ensure quality public schools that fulfill this fundamental right,” sounds intentionally good and noble. However, the verbiage used is law is very poorly written and leaves much interpretation to the ones drawing the line.

This bill is intended to help those children attending public school, but words like “All children” are used as well as words like “fundamental right” as it might possibly someday be used to include even the non-public schoolers. Its argued that parental rights and homeschooling are protected elsewhere, yet this is a CONSTITUTIONAL amendment that would be in conflict with or trump those previous rulings.

If they want to improve on the quality of the education, why do they need another bill to do so??

I ask that you include my name/household/voters to the side that OPPOSES this bill!!

Thank you for your time. God bless.

Sincerely,

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