

Dear Education Policy Committee Chair Cwodzinski,

I oppose the amendment to SF 1311 in the way it currently reads. Please strike **the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311** which states: An eligible institution must not require a faith statement during the application process or base any part of the admission decision on a student's gender or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations.

I believe all students should have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is the best fit for them. 25% of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions. These programs are providing needed classes for the growing number of students accessing the PSEO option. Forcing students away from faith-based colleges will increase competition for PSEO spots at secular universities and will limit the choices available to all students. Because of PSEO students are entering adulthood with much less college debt because of this program. Please keep it that way! Students state-wide have many choices about what institutions from which to get their PSEO credits, so no one is obligated to attend a faith-based college for PSEO. My daughter is a Freshman in high school and is working extra hard to complete her High school credits to be able to take PSEO classes her Junior and Senior year. This opportunity should be available to her as much as is available to all our neighbors. Please strike the language on lines 19.8-19.11 of the original version of SF-1311. Please keep PSEO available at all schools of choice! Thank you! **This is my written testimony and I'm asking for you to add this to the written record.**

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