

Opponent Testimony for SB 17 (Written only)

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SB 17 requires the State Board of Education to incorporate specific concepts of "free market capitalism" into the standards and model curriculum for financial literacy and entrepreneurship for grades 9-12. I staunchly oppose this bill. I strongly oppose a requirement that narrowly defined, biased concepts of free market capitalism be taught in high school financial literacy courses. Different market economies are already thoughtfully taught in history and government classes. The content required by SB 17 is inappropriate for a course teaching students about basic financial life skills and good habits. Thank you.
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