

## SB83 – Testimony

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Why I am interested in, and in favor of, SB83 legislation

- I have served as member of a departmental advisory board at an Ohio supported university for over 25 years
- In the fall of 2022, I became aware of efforts within the university to mandate that all new students take course work that is likely extremely polarizing and certainly controversial starting in the fall of 2023. These mandated course requirements include “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” and several other similar topic areas totaling between 12 and 21 college credit hours. This subject matter is very subjective, ideological and controversial in the public discourse on both sides of the topics.
- Doing some personal research, I became aware of the progress/content of SB83 and became interested in the bill’s advancement.
- I do not believe course work of this type should be mandated at state of Ohio funded institutions. Further, I am not necessarily against subjects of this nature being offered as optional elective courses. In particular if the course syllabus and teaching plan is based on a fully balanced approach to any of these subjects. Though I am not in favor of mandated requirements like this at state supported institutions.
- Parents/Guardians probably have no idea their young adult children will be required to take up to 21 credit hours, almost one full year of college credit hours (out of four years), time and money to these types of subjects.