

Testimony of **Namiko Kunimoto, Ph.D**
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Rep. Tom Young, Chair
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Chair Young, Vice Chair Ritter, Ranking Member Piccolantonio, and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

My name is **Namiko Kunimoto** and I am a professor of **Japanese Art History** at **Ohio State University**, where I have taught for **11 years**. I do not represent **Ohio State**, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen...

SB1 will make a huge, negative impact on the Ohio Economy. We will no longer be able to attract students because the fear this bill produces. OSU's prestigious reputation in business, healthcare, and all other fields will fall. Many students will have to go out of state for school if Ohio State crumbles.

Tenured faculty are ALREADY reviewed annual. It shows Cirrino's ignorance that he doesn't even realize this. Of course we are reviewed.

DEI initiatives are about human rights. Why do supports of this bill want to take away basic human rights?

I am deeply offended that the bill suggests I indoctrinate students. I went to school for 26 years, paying my own way, so that I could help other students think independently. Please show me that the House is also able to think independently and REJECT this deeply problematic bill.