

Witness Comments for Higher Education Committee – SB1

There is nothing wrong with Ohio higher education.

SB1 displays a lack of understanding and aims to fix a problem that doesn't exist.

Take the University of Cincinnati for example. Enrollment tops 50,000. It is multi-cultural and multi-national. Students come from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and from 133 countries to study medicine, engineering, law, business, music, architecture, etc.

The proposed course in American civics is unnecessary and would be an unfunded mandate if required of the more than 8,000 first year students.

Other facets of the bill involve burdensome record keeping.

For example, hundreds of speakers come each year. Invited speakers typically do not express ideological or political viewpoints. They speak on the latest developments in medicine or engineering, for example.

SB1 is a dangerous overreach and should not be passed.