



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _House Education Committee
on ____HB85____ dated ____040815____.

Honorable Representatives,

We would like you to support HB 85, "**An Act relating to college and career readiness assessments for secondary students; and relating to restrictions on the collection, storage, and handling of student data.**"

We are alarmed about our children's personal data being collected on a massive scale without my permission. When we gave his personal information to the school, we thought (mistakenly) that it would be protected and go no further than the school walls. How wrong we were. It is the intent of the State of Alaska DEED and the Federal Government to personally track our children from preschool to when they enter the workforce (P-20W, SLED, Answers, through OASIS, PowerSchool). We ae alarmed that this is all being done without our knowledge or consent.

This is especially alarming in light of the security breach at Premera Blue Cross, who just informed us that our children's personal data including SS#, physical address, and medical data has been stolen and we need to have daily monitoring of their credit report now. This massive data collection **IS A VERY BAD IDEA, ANONYMITY IS THEIR ONLY SECURITY.** FERPA no longer protects us.

Please support HB85.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Linda Sisson
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Janet Ogan

From: Bonnie Cameron <rbcameron1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 1:57 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: HB85

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Please support this bill and get it out of Committee. Parents are watching and hoping for SOMEONE to listen to us over this important and popular issue. Many of us feel that Rep. Reinbold and Sen. Dunleavy are the only ones who are taking this seriously.

Thank you,
Robert and Bonnie Cameron

Janet Ogan

From: Shiloh Greenwood <december281996@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Hb85

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Dear Wes Keller,

Please support Hb-85 for Alaskans. Representative Laura Reinbold 's bill. In support of student data privacy.

Thank you

Shiloh Greenwood
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Janet Ogan

From: tonia gutting <tdand3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB85

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Good Morning,

I am sitting down to teach my children in just a few minutes, but am taking the time out to ask you to pass HB 85. While I appreciate being able to be a part of one of AK's correspondence schools, I will not be able to participate if the student privacy continues to be undermined. Please pass this bill and allow Alaskan students the freedom, individuality and privacy we so highly value in this great frontier state.

Thank you,
Tonia Gutting

Janet Ogan

From: Barbara Haney <barbarahaney100@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 6:30 PM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Fwd: UA Opposition to HB85 is baseless

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From: **Barbara Haney** <barbarahaney100@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 2015 at 5:49 AM
Subject: UA Opposition to HB85 is baseless
To: "Rep. Lora Reinbold" <Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>
Cc: LK Alaska <dlkalaska@hotmail.com>

Dear Rep. Reinbold,

I spoke with Stevie Chepko, Senior VP for Accreditation, at the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) regarding HB 85 and digital privacy and how that might impact accreditation. I asked her specifically about the issue raised by Provost Dr. Susan Henrichs with particular reference to CAEP's standard 4

To document the call, you will see my call log after my signature line. Please feel free to enter this message as testimony or to forward as appropriate.

Stevie Chepko assured me that the digital data privacy bill for K-12 data did not in any way jeopardize UA's accreditation. She indicated that ONLY HIGHLY AGGREGATED data MAY needed, and it never involves the release of specific individual students.

In fact, they don't even want the data of individual student teacher candidates.

Furthermore, she indicated that there were states that did not allow for aggregated data to be released, and they still manage to show efficacy of students in their program without aggregated data.

In fact, she assured me that other states, such as Kansas which preclude the release of aggregated data, are still able to be accredited.

I asked her specifically about section 4.1 raised by Dr. Heinrich and again she reiterated that actual K-12 data of any individual student, nor is data on any individual student teach candidate, required for CAEP accreditation.

The data they request is highly aggregated and based on the University being able to show a positive impact on students. CAEP also indicated that there are multiple means by which an institution can do this.

They are happy to work with states on methods to show the efficacy of their students on education.

She also indicated that their communications director could provide a written statement toward this end.
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Respectfully,

Barbara Haney, Ph.D.
North Pole, Alaska

4/6/2015 [5:05:52 AM] *** 12022230077 ***[5:16:03 AM] *** Call ended, duration 10:10 *** Stevie Chepko,
VP Accreditation, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Topic: Student data and K-12
data privacy and Accreditation, and Standard 4. website <http://caepnet.org/>

Janet Ogan

From: chris & taryn <luskleets@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 1:05 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov
Cc: Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Support HB85

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Good Morning Representatives,

I am writing to request your support for HB85, the student data and assessments bill. Student data management is of great concern as people hear ACPE's Feb. 20, 2015 legislative testimony on their plans for student data. According to their testimony, they plan to track the child from Pre-K through workforce, continuing throughout a person's adult life. They described checking in on an individual to track the person's success and progress at regular, ongoing intervals; this would not be possible with de-identified data. ACPE also stated the Alaska P-20W (ANSWERS database) will include the standards-based test mandated by ESEA (the AMP test, in AK) as well as homeschool data. They state the data will go across state lines. Their legislative testimony from 2/20/15 is available online for viewing.

All of this echoes what is in the grants. The state is obligated to abide by conditions of the grants no matter what AK DEED is or isn't aware of or what they say. Page 96 of the SFSF sub-phase report (for Phase 2) lists a project entitled "DataMart". Starting well before that are long, intricate descriptions of data sharing. The ANSWERS grant includes data flow charts indicating the same problem: sharing data without student or parental consent. I see FERPA cited as reassurance, but FERPA was gutted in Dec. 2011 by US Ed. Sec. Arne Duncan (see EPIC vs. USDOE). It no longer requires consent to share personally identifying student information; that is reduced to a "best practice" and is not enforceable.

The data issue and the college and career assessments are connected. These assessments, including but not limited to ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys, should not be required for graduation. Students who wanted or needed to take them to apply for certain colleges did take them before it was a requirement. HB85 would not prevent anyone from continuing to take these tests of their own volition. These tests have all been aligned to Common Core (see the College Board website), and per legislation that passed last session, there are not supposed to be any further expenditures on Common Core materials. Additionally, WorkKeys is offered for free by DOL for anyone age 16 and up. Why does AK DEED want to usurp this? With all the budget shortages, why did AK DEED want to pay for and require these? Do they so strongly desire to gather the data from these tests as well?

Again, please lend your support to HB85.

Thank you,
Taryn Luskleet
North Pole, AK

Janet Ogan

From: Karen Perry <rperry@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB85

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Dear Legislator,

Please support HB 85...it is the Constitutional, both the U.S. Constitution and Alaska Constitution, thing to do.

Alaskans are looking for Legislators to LISTEN and FOLLOW the Constitution.

Anything less is not acceptable.

TY,
Karen Perry

Janet Ogan

From: Lance Roberts <roberts.lance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 9:44 AM
Subject: HB85 Student Privacy

To the House Education Committee:

Please support and quickly move HB85 to protect the privacy of students and their families. The government has no need to be in the data mining business, especially in light of how cavalier DEED has been in handling the data. That department has already broken the law you passed last year restricting expenditures to promote Common Core, and now we are paying the price, not only in hard dollars, but in the lower levels of education our students are now receiving. I've talked to numerous parents who will be withdrawing their children this year or next because of those standards and the high-risk assessments that go along with them.

Thanks for your consideration,

Lance Roberts
Fairbanks

Janet Ogan

From: Amanda Russell <summit_high@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:25 PM
To: Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Mike Chenault; Sen. Kevin Meyer
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Written Testimony for HB278, HB85, SB80, and SB89

April 8th, 2015

Dear Representatives of the House Education committee,

I am writing in support of keeping the funding as already voted on and promised in HB278.

The unexpected proposed cuts are too much for Sitka School District to endure, our town is already suffering financially. As a parent of three children in the school system here, I do not wish to leave a legacy of our legislature using a slash and burn cutting approach on the funding for their education. There must be another way.

I am also writing to stand behind and support HB85.

I will also be writing to the senate committee in support of SB80, and in 100% support of SB89 for the protection of our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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Janet Ogan

From: Rachelle Seiber <deettap@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 2:17 PM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: HB85

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Good Afternoon Representative Keller,

I am writing today to request that HB85 Digital Privacy of Student Data be approved and moved out of committee as soon as possible. This bill is of vital importance to families across the state.

Thanks so much,
Rachelle Seiber

Janet Ogan

From: Sydney Wetzel <mrswetzel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: HB85

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Representative Keller,

I wish to show my total support for Reinbold's HB85 on data privacy for my children. I hope that you & the rest of our representatives will do the same. Thank you for working to do what's best for Alaskan families.

Sydney Wetzel
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